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## SOUFAN: SECURITY AND THE WORLD

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In the early 1990's political science major Ali Soufan loved to walk the campus and talk politics with one of his favorite professors, Dr. Al Dalmolen.

He had no idea that in less than a decade he would be tracking terrorists around the world in an effort to thwart the most traumatic day in American history.

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But first, a little background on one of the most intriguing and successful alums in Mansfield University's history.

Soufan grew up in Lebanon during its civil war when entire cities were destroyed. His father, a journalist based in Beirut, moved the family to the U.S.

After high school Soufan was accepted at Mansfield University which he chose because it was small and rural.

"Everyone was friendly," he said. "The students, faculty, townspeople. It's just the nature of the area. That's what I love about it so much."

He carried a dual major Political Science and International Studies, with a minor in Cultural Anthropology. A natural leader, he was an active member of several organizations, was twice elected Student Government Association president and served as chairman of the Board of Student Presidents.

Outgoing and interested in others, Soufan made a lot of friends. Among them were MU President Rod Kelchner, and Vice President of Student Affairs Joe Maresco.

"Ali and I met every week," Maresco said. "As Student Government president he made it a point to keep up with what was happening at the university so he could make informed decisions." Maresco saw in Soufan an "extremely bright student with an inquisitive mind."

Maresco also had numerous dealings with FBI agents who interviewed him about MU graduates applying for jobs that needed background checks and security clearance. "I talked with them about a lot of things and had a pretty fair idea of what they did," Maresco said.

During several meetings with Soufan, the topic often moved to the student's personal goals. It was during one of these meetings that Maresco planted a seed. "I told him he should look into the FBI. Given Ali's intelligence level, his language skills and the problems in the Middle East, I thought it would be a good move for him."

Soufan graduated cum laude in 1994 and went on to earn a master's in international relations at Villanova.

He worked in Senator Earl Baker office for awhile, then, almost on a whim as he recalls, he took the FBI test. In July 1997, joined the New York office.

His investigative skills, combined with a razor sharp memory, persistence, and his ability to piece together evidence that others may not have seen were noticed at the FBI, in particular by John O'Neill, the head of the FBI's National Security Division, which is devoted to combating terrorism.

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# Mansfield University in the National News

MU faculty and administrators are frequently in the national news, often contributing to the public dialogue on important issues. MU’s programs and practices make news also. Here are examples:

“Mansfield University in Pennsylvania does its best to ensure that freshman roommates are compatible on important issues such as study routines, academic interests, personality traits and sleep habits. But if that doesn’t work, students can switch roommates just a week into their first semester. The process has significant admissions, retention and residence life benefits, the university says.” – Student Affairs Leader, November 1, 2008.

“Peter Keller, a psychologist at Mansfield University in Pennsylvania, studies how to build ethical cultures. He cites sinking confidence in institutions as a reason that strong leadership is particularly critical for Americans right now. ‘If we live in a fear-centered environment,’ Keller says, ‘we start to focus on individual needs rather than needs that address the larger good.’” – The Associated Press national wire, November 3, 2008.

“The economic crisis is so worrisome, voters are pretty panicked and have a singular focus on what our system is supposed to do about it,” said Jeffrey Bosworth, a political science professor at Mansfield University in Pennsylvania. “It comes down to which one of these guys do we think will do a better job navigating economic policy. And it puts absolutely everything else on the back burner.” – The Associated Press national wire, October 14, 2008.

“Torture is a tool used by totalitarian governments. We should not have joined them. But we have, and now we must stop.” Vital Speeches of the Day. October 2008, from a speech by J. Richard Walker, MU emeritus professor of mathematics, titled “An Issue You Should Care About” and delivered at MU’s fall semester convocation.

“Mansfield is the first new addition in more than 50 years to the only varsity league playing the niche game of sprint football. In the...Collegiate Sprint Football League, member schools Cornell, Princeton, Penn, Army and Navy stick to the same weight restrictions.” *The Wall Street Journal*, September 26, 2008 in a front page story titled “A Small League for Little Dudes is the New Hope at Mansfield U.”



“Football is returning to Mansfield University, home to the first night outdoor football game in America in 1892, just on a smaller scale. Sprint football makes its debut Saturday when the Mountaineers host Cornell right in time for the north-central Pennsylvania school’s celebration of its place in college football lore. The game will be played like any other college game this weekend, but there’s one catch. Players can’t weigh more than 172 pounds.” – The Associated Press, September 26, 2008.

“One characteristic common among incoming students is a lack of self-confidence that they can succeed in college. We use the Gallop Strength Finder to help our students identify their top five strengths, so they can build self-confidence to take on the challenges of college.” – MU President Maravene Loechke in the “Gazette Minute Interview” column in *The Greentree Gazette*, September 2008.

“The athletes who play this game are skilled and are extremely dedicated to their sport. Sprint football produces alumni who are loyal to their sport and many say the game is more exciting than traditional football.” – MU Sprint Football Coach Dan Davis in an interview in *The Greentree Gazette*, September 2008.

“We just have no patience, no compassion for those who have been released from prison whether they have been rightfully convicted or wrongfully convicted.” – Scott Thornsley, associate professor of criminal justice, on National Public Radio’s “Day to Day” program, August 11, 2008. Segment titled “How to Compensate for 26 Years in Prison,” was about the lack of compensation for wrongfully convicted prisoners upon their release. <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=93498556>.

# New PASSHE Chancellor Visits Campus

John Cavanaugh, the new chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), visited Mansfield University for the first time on November 19-20.

Cavanaugh toured the campus, held meetings with President Maravene Loeschke, the Cabinet and the Council of Trustees, and held an open forum with students, faculty and staff during his time at MU.

“I’m extremely happy to be here at Mansfield,” Cavanaugh said. “I’m very impressed with the academic programs that you have here. We had the (gold medal winning) Concert Choir down at the Board of Governors meeting last month and congratulations again on that. I’m glad that we have the opportunity to offer students a mix of experiences throughout the PASSHE system. Everything from Mansfield, here in a beautiful part of the state and a more intimate setting, to some of



PASSHE Chancellor John Cavanaugh answers a question during his open forum with students, faculty and staff.

our bigger institutions. It’s great to have that mix at our disposal when we’re recruiting students.”

“It’s such a privilege and a pleasure to work with him,” Loeschke said of the new chancellor. “He has ways of looking at the whole family of PASSHE, all 14 institutions, and helping us know that we all have our place and our value that we contribute to the system. The notion that one size fits all is not his vision and that’s a help to Mansfield. As to the things that don’t work for us real well, he is open to conversation about how we might fix that. These are really good, hopeful times.”

Cavanaugh became PASSHE chancellor on July 1. Before that he served as president of the University of West Florida.



DEDICATION TO A 2009 GRADUATE



- ★ Are you a parent of a 2009 Graduate of Mansfield University?
- ★ Do you know a 2009 Graduate of Mansfield University?
- ★ Would you like to honor them with a personal note in the 2009 Dedication section of the Commencement Program?

[ The following is a sample of a past dedication: ]

Jamie S.  
Congratulations! Your strength and determination have brought you a long way! We knew you could do it and we're very proud of you! Hold your head high – you deserve this! We love you, Mom and Dad.

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Attn: Graduate Dedication, Alumni House, Mansfield, PA 16933

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Discover Mansfield University's Future Alumni

Imagine that you're a senior in high school and it's time to pick the place where you will spend the next four years of your life. You attend multiple college admissions receptions, trying to determine which school fits your expectations, your needs and your lifestyle. You hear similar stories from the admissions counselors at every reception you attend.

Now, imagine you're a senior and you attend a Mansfield University admissions reception. Here, you get the chance to speak to a MU alumnus and find out first-hand which professors to take, what organizations are fun to join, and even where to find the best cup of coffee before class. What makes this experience stand out to a potential MU student? The student learns far more than the available fields of study, or how many buildings are on campus or when the fitness center is open. This potential student interacts with an alumnus who was once in the same situation. The student has the opportunity to form a personal connection, and has an authentic success story to remember.

What makes this volunteer experience worthwhile for the MU alumnus? You have the opportunity to personally interact with students who may be feeling confused or apprehensive about their college search process, and in turn you can provide them with a new and special outlook on Mansfield University. "I find it valuable to get involved with these admissions receptions because it keeps me connected with Mansfield; I've learned new things about the University and I've also met some really interesting MU alumni," said MU Alumni Board member Stephanie Adams Ulmer '04, who recently attended an admissions reception in Williamsport, PA. "I love to go to local MU admissions receptions to find out what students are looking for in a University. Many times Mansfield has what they're looking for. They just didn't know it until we talked. I really feel like I'm helping these students in their search," Ulmer said.

The Mansfield University Admissions and Alumni Offices are working together to continue to develop these special experiences for both

potential MU students and MU alumni, and we need volunteers like you to make it happen. The Alumni Office invites you to participate in one or more of the upcoming admissions receptions throughout the state of Pennsylvania. All programs will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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| February 5 – Harrisburg       | February 19 – Bethlehem |
| February 10 – Mansfield       | February 25 – Scranton  |
| February 12 – Williamsport    | March 5 – Lancaster     |
| February 18 – King of Prussia | March 19 – Philadelphia |

Please email the MU Alumni Relations Office at [alumni2@mansfield.edu](mailto:alumni2@mansfield.edu) or call 888-305-6505 and let us know if you are able to help. We will provide you with details about the event, as well as answer any questions you may have. We will also send you a packet of information, a special name tag and other useful materials that will help prepare you for the event.

Can't make it to a regional reception, but are interested in volunteering for Mansfield University in another capacity? There are other ways you can get involved and give back to your alma mater, and they don't require a lot of time. [Here are just a few of the ways you can get involved:](#)

- Present a scholarship certificate to a senior at your local high school who will be attending Mansfield.
- Write postcards to incoming freshmen congratulating them on their acceptance and wishing them luck.
- Send the Admissions office the names of current high school juniors and seniors who would make exceptional students at MU.
- Come back and speak to students on a topic of interest. Perhaps your field of work or what you have done since graduation.

Get involved today and become a part of Mansfield University's tomorrow! Contact Tracey Dukert, assistant director of Alumni Relations, by emailing [alumni2@mansfield.edu](mailto:alumni2@mansfield.edu) or call 888-305-6505 to learn more about how and when you can volunteer for your alma mater.

DEAR MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS, I know a high school student who is graduating soon and would be a great leader at Mansfield! Please allow me to introduce:

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E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR OF H.S. GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:  
Mansfield University Alumni Relations, 516 North Hall, Mansfield, PA 16933

This student is my: ☐ son/daughter ☐ grandchild ☐ niece/nephew  
☐ other relative ☐ friend

This student has a special interest or talent in: \_\_\_\_\_

MY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

MY ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MY EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ MY PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am interested in assisting with other alumni admissions volunteer programs!

# MU Receives Award to Develop Entrepreneurial Leadership Center

Mansfield University has received a \$208,000 grant from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) for its project “Developing Tomorrow’s Leaders: The Entrepreneurial Leadership Center at Mansfield University.”

The Entrepreneurial Leadership Center (ELC) will serve the campus and community as partners for state and regional economic development. The ELC will encourage the development of innovation and create entrepreneurial opportunities by linking MU to a network of community and business partners. With the implementation of this center, opportunities will be provided for students, faculty and staff and to learn entrepreneurial skills and develop products and services through a campus incubator program. The ELC will also encourage students to explore the opportunities for self-employment.

Community partners in the project will include non-profit organizations, small business owners and economic development agencies. They will offer their expertise and, in return, benefit by the training and educational programs offered by the ELC.

“This is an important initiative for the north-central region of Pennsylvania,” MU President Maravene Loeschke said. “Self-employment and small business start-ups and expansions would be an economic boon to the region. Many of our students have expressed the desire to stay in the region after graduation. This initiative will provide the kind of support that they need to make that a reality.”

Mansfield University will develop the ELC with an initial focus on the entrepreneur engaged in the arts and related fields. This will include potential entrepreneurs from the fields of fine arts, performing arts, graphic arts, literary arts, folk arts, arts administration and arts marketing.

Tioga County and the north-central PA region have seen a large increase in tourism for recreation and artistic events, festivals, and “artist’s trails.” The “PA Route 6 Artisan Trail” operates year-round and covers the 400-mile route from the Ohio to the New York border. The route goes directly through Mansfield and across Tioga County, promoting access to studios, galleries, museums and art retail operations.

The Deane Center for the Performing Arts, to be located in Wellsboro, is an example of an arts initiative currently in the pipeline. Also, feasibility studies for a private School of Crafts in Mansfield and a downtown Mansfield multi-purpose theater/performance facility have been completed.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, Center for Workforce Information and Analysis, industry growth in arts, entertainment and recreation in the Northern Tier is projected to be 7.8% between 2004 and 2014.

In a letter to President Loeschke, informing her of the award, Chancellor James Cavanaugh said, “PASSHE Universities are key partners for state and regional economic development. These initiatives will enhance PASSHE’s higher education and economic development infrastructure and accelerate economic development throughout Pennsylvania. I congratulate you and your staff for the truly outstanding work you have done and continue to do on behalf of Mansfield University of Pennsylvania and your regional community.”

Loeschke thanked Susan W. Sweet, director of the Center for Lifelong Learning, and Betsy Brune, director of Grants Development, the primary authors of the proposal, for their efforts in making the ELC a reality.

Project activities will begin in January, followed by the formal opening of the ELC later in this year.

# Mansfield Visits State Farm Corporate Headquarters

On July 30, 2008, Mansfield representatives from **The Career Center** (Julia Overton-Healy, Director and Nichole Hall, Programming Coordinator), the **Department of Math and Computer Information Science** (Dr. Daniel McKee, Assistant Professor), and the **Alumni Office** (Denise Berg, Director) visited the corporate headquarters of State Farm Insurance in Bloomington, IL. Hosted by Kevin Burke and Michael Stone, the team visited with Systems Division executives, toured the facility, talked with current and past interns, and also had an evening reception for MU alumni who work at State Farm. “We learned so much about how State Farm operates, the types of computer science competencies our students need, and the career options available within the organization,” said Overton-Healy. “I know that the relationship between MU and State Farm is stronger because of it, and we’ll continue to build that partnership.”

The relationship began a number of years ago when State Farm provided the Computer Information Science department at Mansfield with funds to establish a networking lab valued at more than \$60,000. State Farm has continued to support the professional and academic development of Mansfield students, particularly through their regular recruitment of student interns. Representatives from State Farm visit campus each fall to hold

screening interviews for students who apply for these highly competitive internships. MU alumni **Peter Wenzel '01** and **Christian Kaluche '01** are the team leaders for this annual visit. Students selected for the summer

internships serve full time at the corporate offices in Illinois under the close mentorship of State Farm employees, many of whom are Mansfield alumni. “To have this partnership with State Farm, and especially with Mansfield alums who are at State Farm, is a tremendous advantage for Mansfield and our students,” says Overton-Healy. “These

internships are world-class, with a world-class company. Students return to campus and share what they’ve learned on their internships with their faculty, enriching our curriculum.”

State Farm was a corporate sponsor for the 2008 Career Blast Mini-Conference held in April. The event gave students the opportunity to participate in workshops, seminars and special events related to career exploration, development and preparation. To learn more about how you or your company can be involved in providing internships for MU students contact the Career Center at 570-662-4133 or joverton@mansfield.edu.



MU representatives hosted a reception for alumni and friends associated with State Farm. Row 1: Neil Mosher, Meghan Clutter '05, Heather Schoonover Buggar '00, Desiree Biddle '04, Nichole Hall, Julia Overton-Healy, Dan McKee. Row 2: Mike Buggar, Denise Berg, Ryan Heinrich '00, Christian Kaluche '01, Chris Shine '96, Gerald Moody '03, Tyler DeKnecht '08, Brandon Lusk, David VanGorder '08, Pete Wenzel '01, Kevin Burke.





## The Mansfield Alumni BOOK NOOK

### Have you read a good book lately?

How about a great book written by a fellow Mansfield University alumnus? The Alumni Association is collecting books that are written by Mansfield's talented alumni and displaying them in the Alumni Office. In future issues of the Mansfieldian, different books will be selected from the collection and featured in the new column "The Mansfield Alumni Book Nook."

In this premier issue, the first featured MU alumni author is Laurie Bowen Frey



October 2008 - Laurie Frey '84 visited Mansfield to sign copies of her new book, *UNBEATABLE (the whole story)*.

'84 and her recent work, *UNBEATABLE (the whole story)*. In *UNBEATABLE*, Laurie describes her inspirational true-life story of conquering breast cancer. She recounts how quickly her nearly perfect life was turned

upside down by one unexpected phone call that informed her of her diagnosis of Stage 3 invasive breast cancer. The reader follows Laurie as she battles the disease, copes with seemingly unbearable family and personal obstacles, and through her laughter and faith, proves she is unbeatable.

Frey went on to create and produce "UNBEATABLE: A Bold New Musical" based on her acclaimed book. The musical continues to tour nationwide. [www.journeyprojects.com](http://www.journeyprojects.com); [www.unbeatablemusical.com](http://www.unbeatablemusical.com)

Frey graduated from Mansfield University with a B.A. in Theatre and went on to earn her master's degree in Theatre Directing from Southwest Texas State University. She currently resides in Ohio with her husband, Don and their son, Andrew.

If you are a published Mansfield University alumni author, or know of an MU alumnus who is, please let the MU Alumni Relations Office know. We may even feature the work in an upcoming edition of the Mansfieldian. Send all information to Tracey Dukert, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, at [alumni2@mansfield.edu](mailto:alumni2@mansfield.edu) or call 888-305-6505.

Happy reading!

## NEW: Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership

Mansfield University will offer a master's degree program in Organizational Leadership in the fall of 2009. The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Board of Governors approved it on October 23.

The new program will be offer online, making it accessible to students virtually anywhere. Students who enroll in the program will be able to enhance their knowledge about leadership and apply their leadership skills across a variety of settings.

"We are excited to offer this flexible, rigorous degree in graduate leadership development," MU President Maravene Loeschke said. "At Mansfield we are dedicated to providing leadership development for our undergraduate and graduate students and for the community and region. This particular program is especially suited to working adults who are looking to move into leadership positions in their field."

The curriculum will support emerging workforce needs in both the public and private sectors and is in line with PASSHE's efforts to serve regional economic and community development needs. The need for the program was determined through a variety of meetings with business leaders and focus groups. Students will complete 33 credit hours to earn the degree.

For more information on the master's degree in Organizational Leadership, contact the Admissions Department at (800)577-6826 or by email at [gradapp@mansfield.edu](mailto:gradapp@mansfield.edu). You can also check online at [admissions.mansfield.edu](http://admissions.mansfield.edu).

## An Invitation to Alumni from a MU Student

DEAR MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ALUMNI,



I am a member of Mansfield University's Colleges Against Cancer, which is part of a national collaboration of colleges that are dedicated to fighting cancer, volunteering for the American Cancer Society, and improving college communities by instating and supporting programs for the American Cancer Society. MU's Colleges Against Cancer is actively recruiting teams for our upcoming Relay for Life event, and we are inviting you to get involved! MU Relay for Life is an overnight

event, scheduled to take place at the Kelchner Fitness Center beginning 6 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2009 to 6 a.m. Saturday, April 4, 2009. MU's Relay for Life will be filled with fun, memories, and the mindset that together we are making a difference in the lives of those who suffer from cancer. Please join our efforts in the fight against cancer at Mansfield University!

Sincerely,

Tessa Bieber, MU Student

For details on this event, contact MU student Tessa Bieber by emailing:

[biebert@mounties.mansfield.edu](mailto:biebert@mounties.mansfield.edu). You can also visit [www.mansfield.edu/~alumni](http://www.mansfield.edu/~alumni) to view the Relay for Life registration and information pages.

## Young Alumna Scores with MU Picture

Ashley Spencer '08 spent three days last summer transforming a plain garage, belonging to alumnus John "Jiggs" McHale '58, into an eye-catching billboard for Mansfield University's new sprint football program.

McHale approached MU Cheerleader and family friend Spencer in May of 2008 and asked if she would use her artistic ability to bring his idea to life. "It's just terrific that football is back on campus. I wanted to do something to let people know," said McHale. Spencer, an avid MU athletics supporter and talented artist, eagerly accepted and got to work.

"It's just terrific that football is back on campus. I wanted to do something to let people know," said McHale of his idea to turn his garage wall into a billboard. McHale approached MU Cheerleader and family friend Ashley Spencer in May of 2008 and asked if she would be interested in bringing his idea to life. Spencer, an avid MU athletics supporter and talented artist, eagerly accepted and got to work.

Spencer graduated from MU in 2008 with an Art Education degree and worked for the admissions office at Mansfield University during the fall semester of 2008.

Do you have an interesting or unique way that you are spreading the word on your alma mater? If so, please contact the Alumni Relations Office (1-888-305-6505 or email [alumni2@mansfield.edu](mailto:alumni2@mansfield.edu)) and let us know what you are doing.



A "billboard" painted on the side of a garage in Taylor, PA promotes Mansfield University in a unique way.

# Five Mountie Greats Enter Hall of Fame



2008 Hall of Fame inductees include Mark Doherty '95, Rick Sabec '93, Joe Harrington\* '50 (former teammate David Cheplick '49 accepted for Harrington), and Gretchen Reschke '02.

Mark Doherty '95 , Joe Harrington\* '50, Gretchen Reschke '02 and Rick Sabec '93, along with Joe Lippincott '21 in the legends category were inducted as the 26th class of the Mansfield University Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame during homecoming weekend.

Doherty was a four-year letter winner on the football team from 1991-94 and was also a record-setting member of the track team. A three-year starter in football, Doherty set a then-school record for catches (60) and receiving yards (906) during the 1994 season. He ranked among the PSAC and NCAA Division II leaders, earning First Team All-PSAC East and honorable mention All-American honors. Known as a fearless receiver over the middle, Doherty still ranks among the career reception leaders. Doherty was just as impressive on the track where he still holds indoor, outdoor and team records. Doherty was named the MU Fall Athlete of the Year in 1994 and went on to play professional football in Europe for two years after graduation.

Harrington was part of the Mountaineers' successful football and basketball programs following WWII. He was a key member of the 1946 and 1947 football teams. A star end during the 1947 season, he earned a place on the First All-Teacher's College Team and led the team in scoring. Mansfield went 6-2 that season, claiming the State Championship title and defeating Bloomsburg, Millersville, Kutztown, Edinboro and IUP.

Harrington was also a member of the undefeated 1946 team, playing end and handling the kicking chores. He was an outstanding basketball player in the 1947-48 season, earning first team All-Teacher's College Team honors while leading the Mountaineers in scoring, averaging 14.5 points per game. He was one of the leading scorers on the 1946-47 basketball team as well.

Reschke started every game during her four-year field hockey career at Mansfield University, and became the first person ever to make first team All-PSAC for four straight years in the program's history. She was a vital member of the 2001 team that won the ECAC championship in their first ever post season championship competition. The Mansfield University Women's Fall Athlete of the Year in 1999 and 2000, Reschke still holds the school records for goals in a season and points in a season, as well as the record for career goals, assists and points.

Sabec was a key player for the men's basketball program during the 1990-93 seasons. A four year starter, 6'7" Sabec was one of the premier big men in the PSAC East. Sabec averaged double figures in scoring during each of his four seasons, while also ranking among the team high rebounders and block leaders. He played with injuries during each of his four seasons. At the end of his career, Sabec ranked first in school history in blocked shots, third in rebounds, third in field goals made, third in free throws made and fifth in field goal percentage. He still holds the school records for blocked shots in a game, season and career. A two-time team captain, Sabec was named to All-PSAC East second team honors during his senior season. He was also named the 1993 Winter Athlete of the Year.

"Baby Joe" Lippincott was a big man both on and off the field at Mansfield State Normal School in the years following World War I. As a 6-1, 220-pound offensive tackle his senior season, Lippincott towered over his fellow teammates as the largest man on the team. Karl Van Norman selected Lippincott as one of the top players in the first 50 years of football at Mansfield. Lippincott was also a standout in basketball. The Class President his senior year, Lippincott graduated from Mansfield in 1921 and attended Bucknell University where he played on the Bison football team.

To nominate a qualified candidate visit [http://www.gomounties.com/hof\\_form.htm](http://www.gomounties.com/hof_form.htm).  
\*deceased

# More Honors for Gold Medal Winning Ensembles

The accolades and honors continued for the Mansfield University Concert Choir and the Mansfieldians during the fall semester.

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution on October 6, honoring the ensembles for winning gold medals at the World Choir Games last July.

Representative Matt Baker, whose 68th District encompasses all of Tioga County and western Bradford County, introduced the resolution. Before the vote was taken Baker said of the MU ensembles, "They have achieved something that never before had ever been dreamed of for such a small university. I just want to say how proud I am of Mansfield University. All 12 million citizens, and all 14 State System universities should be proud of the representation that Mansfield University and its choirs accomplished."

After the vote, the entire House of Representatives gave the Mansfield ensembles a standing ovation. Both ensembles gave a noontime concert in the Capitol Rotunda before the start of the legislative session.

A few weeks later, on October 23, both groups were back in Harrisburg to perform for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Board of Governors at their quarterly meeting.

After their performance the entire audience, which included the Governor, university presidents, Chancellor John C. Cavanaugh and PASSHE staff, gave the groups a standing ovation.

PASSHE Board Chair Kenneth M. Jarin praised the students and their directors, Peggy Dettwiler and Sheryl Monkelién, for representing themselves, Mansfield and PASSHE with distinction.

The MU Council of Trustees honored the Concert Choir and the Mansfieldians on September 24.

Each ensemble performed in the foyer of North Hall Library as a crowd gathered on the railings above. Then each member was presented with a citation by Council of Trustees President Ralph Meyer.

The campus community gathered in Steadman Theatre on September 4 to honor the ensembles.

Video highlights of the gold medal winning performances and the awards ceremony were shown to the gathering. Then each member of the Concert Choir and the Mansfieldians returned to the stage to receive an individual gold medal and a tour journal from Directors Peggy Dettwiler and Sheryl Monkelién.



The Concert Choir and Mansfieldians with State Representative Matt Baker (first row left) in the Capitol Rotunda in Harrisburg.





## From Your Alumni Director

Mansfield University alumni and friends experienced the return of Mountaineer Football to Karl Van Norman stadium in the fall of 2008. The Sprint football game on October 4 against University of Pennsylvania was one of the highlights of the **2008 Homecoming Weekend**.

With the gorgeous weather, the fall foliage at its peak, the fabulous music of "The Spirit and the Pride of Pennsylvania" Mountie Marching Band and the stands full of expectant fans, the atmosphere for a football game couldn't have been any better. Additional Homecoming festivities included the annual golf tournament, Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony, the parade and the Alumni Tent Party. A 5K Fun Run and 2K Walk was a new event and Kappa Kappa Psi celebrated its 40th anniversary. For more details about Homecoming 2008 see page 9 and Hall of Fame page 6.



Former MU football standouts Vince Siracuse '58 and Jason Donadi '99 served as honorary captains for the pre-game coin toss.

### Recent get-together

#### Rod Bash

Head Football Coach Dan Davis had the opportunity to meet former MU football players, their family members and friends and learn about the history of MU football in the 1980s at the annual "Rod Bash" hosted by Rod '88 and Donna Pursell in the Lehigh Valley (PA) area in July. Approximately 60 people enjoyed the food, beverages, various games and entertainment, including a raffle of MU logo items, proceeds from which were donated to MU Foundation. Those traveling the greatest distance to attend included Julie Burkart '89 of Brevard, NC, Keara Fulton Fink '87 of Harpers Ferry, WV, and Kim Russell '86 of Atlanta, GA.



Rod Pursell '88 (back row, left) and his friends show that they still have "Mansfield Pride" after all these years!

### Upcoming Events

**West Chester, PA** – Saturday, February 21 MU Basketball vs. West Chester followed by an alumni and friends post-game gathering at Barnaby's from 5 – 8 p.m. For details and to register see page 16.

**Scranton, PA** – Saturday, March 21 Save the date! Plans are in the works. FMI or to help email Marirose Murphy '79: la.irishlamb75@yahoo.com

**Baltimore, MD** – Monday, March 23. After-work reception for alumni & friends. 6 – 8 p.m. at (still tentative) Lucy's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 21 North Eutaw Street. Interested in helping? Contact MU Alumni Office: alumni2@mansfield.edu



1959 Class Committee Members plan for their Golden Anniversary Celebration. Front: Janice Schutt McConnell, Louise Borg Updike, Lois Cox Churchill. Rear: Don "Tiger" Johnson, John Rudy, Dale Reynard, Larry Biddle.

### Alumni Weekend 2009

Mark your calendar for **June 12 & 13** and make plans to join us for Alumni Weekend 2009 when the **Class of 1959** will celebrate their 50th anniversary! Class members met on campus in October to begin planning for their Golden Anniversary and are hopeful that many of their classmates will return to campus in June for the special weekend.

Special get-togethers are also being planned for **Social Work** and **Home Economics**.

Faculty of the Social Work, Anthropology and Sociology Department extend an invitation to department graduates and former and retired faculty to join them at the Ice Cream Social on Saturday afternoon, June 13. It will be a great time to relax, reminisce and get caught up on recent happenings.

If you are interested in helping to plan for the Home Economics reunion, please contact the Alumni Office.

Registration information for all Alumni Weekend events and activities will be included in the April issue of the Mansfieldian and on the alumni website.

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# Mansfield University Reunion at Eagles Mere: Then and Now



On August 18, 1977 a group of Mansfield University alumnae gathered at the Eagles Mere Country Club (PA) to reminisce and share their latest life stories (see photo below, right). Thanks to the efforts of **Ken Lee '48** and **Marge Cole Lee '44**, this special gathering in Eagles Mere continues to be a yearly tradition. On July 23, 2008 the ladies presented a wall hanging to Marge to show their gratitude (see photo below, left). The commemorative wall hanging was handcrafted by **Eleanor Jones Kodish '47** and personally signed by all in attendance. Alumni board member **Carol Himmelreich Brann '60** donated cookbooks for everyone and **Anna Trowbridge Underwood '48** donated a 10 inch, 78 RPM, vinyl record of the Mansfield State Normal School's Alma Mater, *Mansfield, Hail!* which was composed in 1917 by Mansfield's own Will George Butler 1897. The record was produced by the Columbia Phonograph Company between 1920 and 1926. Side one features the Barbershop Quartet Shannon Four and side two has Robert Hood Bowers, famous Broadway musical director and composer, playing a solo piano version.



Carol Himmelreich Brann '60, Marge Cole Lee '44, Denise Berg and Anna Trowbridge Underwood '48.



Eleanor Jones Kodish '47 (right) presents a signed, handcrafted wall hanging to Marge Cole Lee '44 to commemorate "Mansfield Day" at Eagles Mere.



Mansfield Day at Eagles Mere August 18, 1977. **Row 1:** Jean Travelpiece Quinn '44, Mildred Hart Frazier '47, Regina Fought Willis '45, Mary Meyer Botsford '44, Christine Mack MacArt '42\*, Ruth Steigerwalt Fitze '41, Marge Cole Lee '44. **Row 2:** Lesalee Snyder Steward '44, Betty Meeker Butts '43\*, Dorothy Wasley Long\*, Norma Gregory Kehrli '42, Kathryn Cooper Morgan '30\*, Joan Morrison Hughes '44, Gloria Rauch Harris '44, June Armstrong Hogan '45\*, Betty Herrold Witmer '45\*, Lois Shennen White '44, Rae Smith Atherton '47\*, June Mertz Hager '44, Genevieve Cichocki Nolan '47\*, A. Jeannette Wehr Strong '44, Madeline Grego Maynard '45\*. **Row 3:** Maxine Corbin Jones '45, Glenna Miller Correll '44\*, Mary Christine Thiemann Bower '45\*, Betty Baker Carr '43\*, Jeanne McHenry Hoffman '44\*, Phyllis Utt Thomas '45\*, Helen Coon Gaumer '45, Alice Purdy Hutchins '44. (\*deceased)

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# Homecoming 2008



Alumni, family and friends returned to Mansfield University to celebrate Homecoming 2008 on October 3-5. This year's theme was "History Sprints Ahead!"

Hiwot Ketema was named Homecoming Queen and Joshua Charles was named Homecoming King. The royal couple was crowned during halftime ceremonies of the Mountaineers sprint football game against the University of Pennsylvania.

Ketema is a senior biology major from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She represented the Mansfield International Student Organization (MISO) in the campus-wide voting. Ketema was escorted by Adam McCawley.

Charles is a senior physics major from Granville Summit, PA. He represented the Laurel Hall Council and was escorted by Carly Conrad.

Earlier in the day, the annual Homecoming parade proceeded up Main Street to the delight of a big crowd lining both sides of the street. "The Spirit & Pride of Pennsylvania" MU Marching Band led the parade and also performed at the alumni tent party, held before the football game, and at halftime of the game.

Friday night the MU Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame welcomed five new members during inductions ceremonies at Manser Hall. The Class of 2008: **Mark Doherty '95**, **Joe Harrington '50**, **Gretchen Reschke '02**, **Richard Sabec '93** and, in the Legends category, **Joe Lippincott '21**, brings the number enshrined on the Wall of Fame in Decker Gymnasium to 156. For more on this year's inductees see page 6.

The weekend also included a golf tournament, an alumni tent party, a pep rally, bonfire and fireworks, alumni baseball and softball games, a 5K fun run, the Music Department's Prism Concert and other activities.

The Epsilon Iota chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi music fraternity celebrated its 40th anniversary during Homecoming weekend with a barbeque and other activities.

To see photo montages of Homecoming 2008, check online at [youtube.com/mansfielduniversity](http://youtube.com/mansfielduniversity).

Make your plans now to return to MU for Homecoming 2009, October 9-11.



Proposal: Just as the Homecoming parade was starting, Carl Bloom proposes to Pam Grabb in the middle of Main Street. The two met while members of the MU Marching Band. Bloom graduated in May '08 and Grabb in '05. She is back at Mansfield working toward her master's.



Raindrops didn't stop participants in the annual Mansfield University Homecoming Golf tournament, which was held at Corey Creek Golf Club on Friday, October 3, 2008. The winning foursome was (from left) Terry Leer '81, Mary Skovira Leer '80, Lynn Loudenslager and Mike Loudenslager '73.



It was a beautiful fall morning as the Homecoming parade made its way up Main Street.



MU President Maravene Loeschke (center) with 2008 Homecoming Queen Hiwot Ketema (left) and King Joshua Charles (right).





# SOUFAN: SECURITY AND THE WORLD

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## Discovering Al Qaeda

Just 13 months into his career, Soufan helped on the investigation of the August 1998 bombings on the U.S, Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that left 224 casualties.

It was Soufan who helped pull together evidence that linked the bombings to a man who would become the symbol for terror in the years to come — Osama bin Laden.

O'Neill was soon calling Soufan "a national treasure."

The U.S. Department of Defense commended Special Agent Soufan "as an important weapon in the ongoing war on terrorism."

He also received the FBI's highest honor, The FBI Director Award/ Excellence in Investigation for his role in the East African Embassy bombings case.

When the USS Cole was attacked on October 12, 2000, the now 29-year-old agent was named lead investigator. The investigation lasted months, mainly in Yemen. Again, evidence pointed to bin Laden and Al Qaeda involvement. Following the investigation, Soufan received the prestigious Respect for Law Enforcement Award for "relentless pursuit of truth and bringing terrorist subjects before the bar of justice."

Interviews he conducted with Yemeni leaders and those involved with the fringes of the Cole attack led Soufan to believe that Al Qaeda might be planning an even larger plot

It was around this time that Soufan began formal requests to the CIA for information, and it was here that communications between the FBI and CIA began breaking down.

Soufan pushed forth. In 1999, in the Amman, Jordan CIA station, he found a box of information showing details of plans to bomb various tourist sites and hotels. The evidence led to the convictions of 22 of the 28 plotters in Jordan.

The agent's investigations took him through much of the Middle East and on several occasions put him in life-threatening situations, such as the time he and his supervisor O'Neill were flying to Aden in Yemen when their helicopter barely escaped an SA-7 missile that had been locked on them.

By the spring of 2001, the CIA Counterterrorist Center knew that something big was being planned by Al Qaeda. Soufan also knew something was coming. All paths kept leading back to bin Laden, but as feverishly as he worked, the agent couldn't connect all the dots. While part of the problem was the lack of communication between the FBI and CIA, an ongoing barrier was the overwhelming amount of information to be dissected.

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In retrospect, fate can sometimes play rough and with sad irony.

In August 2001, Soufan's supervisor and friend John O'Neill left the FBI and became head of security at the World Trade Center.

A few weeks later, on September 11, the Twin Towers were hit.

O'Neill was one of the nearly 3,000 casualties.

Soufan and his team were in Yemen at the time. He stepped up his investigation. He interrogated one key witness for three nights. He spent his days researching and working on reports. He finally collapsed from exhaustion. He refused hospital help and continued his questioning. His co-workers began to refer to him as "an American hero."

He extracted all that he could, obtaining crucial evidence that would help in investigations still going on today. Soufan has also served as a witness at the Guantanamo war crimes trials.

The agent left the Bureau 2005, and became director of international operations for Giuliani Security and Safety, a firm founded by former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

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## Going International

In June, 2008, Soufan and his wife Heather, who he met at Mansfield, formed the Soufan Group, with headquarters in New York, London and Qatar.

The company, according to its Website acts as a "select strategic advisor to governments and multinational corporations with regard to policy, security, risk management and training." Just a few services include Strategic Security Training, Risk Assessment, Maritime and Aviation security, and Executive Protection, among others.

Terrorism investigation, Soufan noted, "is a small portion of what we do."

The company has 14 full-time employees. The roster includes Mansfield University alumni **Adam Landis '02**, and **Mark Smith '97**, also an MU Student Government president. The company is rounded out with about 45 contractors.

"I always wanted to start something on my own, " Soufan said. "I have a good bunch of people and we can accomplish more on our own than working for someone else."

He gives lectures and presentations at professional institutes and organizations around the world. He's a senior fellow at Nanyang Technical University in Singapore, which, he says , has a "very good counterterrorism and political violence center."

Soufan still stays in regular contact with Maresco. "Mansfield has been very generous with me," he said. "It helped shape my views and build a strong foundation for what I am today." He pointed out that awards he received at Mansfield still hang on his walls. "Representative Matt Baker presented me with a House proclamation for leadership that I still cherish," he said.

"Mansfield was like family to me," he concluded. "It still is."

The July 10, 2006 issue of *The New Yorker* carried a feature story on Soufan, written by Pulitzer Prize winning author Lawrence Wright. It was titled, simply, "The Agent," and included a drawing of Soufan, which we use here with the artist's permission.

The full article can be found online in *The New Yorker* archives, and in Wright's book, *The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11*.

Sections of this article are based on information from "The Agent," along with Soufan's Website, [www.soufangroup.com](http://www.soufangroup.com) Nanyang University's Website at <http://www.ntu.edu> and interviews with Joe Maresco and Ali Soufan.





# The Business of Community

By Liliace Guignard

If you haven't been in town for a while, the next time you get off US 15 and pause to turn left into Mansfield or right toward Wellsboro you will notice you now also have the option to go straight across Route 6 and up an inviting hill. The million-dollar bridge over Ellen Run Creek is complete, the lines are painted on the pavement, the traffic lights are up, and the gate is open. Why not take a short detour and see the 1-99 Business Park?

The road rises up to a horizon line, which holds its secrets a few seconds before revealing a level expanse on both sides of the two-lane (plus bike lane) drive. With an eye to aesthetics, the electric poles line the rear of the lots. Orange plastic netting fences off wetlands that will remain undeveloped. Turning left on University View Drive takes you to a cul-de-sac with one of the best views of Mansfield around. North Hall dominates the vista, its classic elegance grounding the town. The white steeples of the Episcopal, Methodist, and Seventh Day Adventist churches interject their quaint exclamation marks. Wouldn't it be great to enjoy this view every day when you went to work?

## Setting Their Sites

That is one of the thoughts The Betterment Organization of Mansfield (BOOM) hope goes through the minds of prospective tenants. The sites are easily accessible and highly visible from the highway, which is destined to become the new I-99. The groundbreaking ceremony was last May, and now the sites are all shovel-ready and include gas, sewer, water, electric, high speed internet, and storm water management.

The idea for a business park germinated in October 2005 when Alex Nadalini (a former banker with First Citizens and member of BOOM Board of Directors) approached Tom Freeman (President of BOOM) and Scott Bastian (President of North Forest Development, LLC, and member of BOOM Board of Directors) about a project to bolster the town. The goal: to bring in business that will underpin—not undermine—the community. These guys are not outsiders just moving through. BOOM has been a part of the community since 1958, and Freeman and Bastian are both local residents of Mansfield with businesses in town. Concerned that Tioga is one of the few counties in Pennsylvania that has no business or industrial park, the three started looking for appropriate land.

It happened that the Dorsett farm had been on the market a couple years. Edward Dorsett, who along with his sisters inherited 84 acres from his grandparents, liked the idea of the property being able to do something for the community, but at the time it was zoned residential because of access issues. However, he agreed to take a chance and—for a one dollar deposit—held the property for two years while BOOM found the money.

## Getting in the Zone

The first task was to do the improvements necessary for re-zoning. In Spring 2006 they acquired a Department of Community Economic Development (DCED) planning grant for \$175,000 to pay for the engineering to determine the feasibility of putting in the necessary utility systems and bridge. The results were promising and in December 2005 the zoning was changed from R-1 to B-3. In July 2006 they received a DCED Business in Our Sites grant for 3.7 million—half grant/half loan—that allowed them to move forward.

A Highway Business Zone (B-3) is meant to appeal to the motorist, but the park is also accessible to town. It is not zoned for heavy industrial use, but has lots from 1 to eight acres for small and medium businesses. "This is not to be smokestacks," Bastian emphasizes. There will be no strip malls, with strict restrictions on retail uses in order not to undercut downtown shops. Bastian explains, "If you manufacture widgets there you can sell them from

your shop. But you can't set up a big craft store with pottery and everything." In addition to the zoning restrictions, BOOM has filed a covenant adding further restrictions to protect the adjacent property owners, especially residents of Brooklyn Street, and the investment of lot owners. Some of these apply to excessive or objectionable noise, smoke, gasses, odors, dirt or ash.



Local and state leaders gathered on May 28 for the groundbreaking ceremony for the I-99 Business Park.

All businesses must go before the Design Review Committee, headed by Susan Sweet of the University's Center for Lifelong Learning, to ensure basic aesthetic considerations are met.

## All Together Now

Freeman describes the project as having a true spirit of community. "The borough has been wonderful," he adds. "And early on we held open meetings with residents so we could hear their concerns and plan accordingly." As a result the process has been relatively smooth. Representative Matt Baker also provided strategic aid by walking the grant through the system, advocating for this area to receive the funds rather than Erie or Pittsburgh. And other organizations such as Tioga County Development Corp., Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission, and MU have added their support.

While the University was not significantly involved in the planning of the I-99 Business Park, according to President Loeschke, "we are poised to provide leadership development for any of the businesses." This might be in the form of student interns, guidance from specific faculty members in related fields, through the future Entrepreneurial Leadership Center, or even through curricular development. Imagine if a technologies company relocated here and needed graduates with specific training; it would be possible to create a course to provide students with that background.

"I have strong feelings that many of our students would stay in the area after graduation," Loeschke says, "if there were more opportunities to utilize their professional skills." All parties hope that the I-99 Business Park will provide such opportunities.

## Open for Businesses

Already the first company committed to the business park will meet some University needs. Microtel Inns and Suites is set to build an 84 room hotel with a meeting room that can hold 40 to 60 people, and this fulfills Loeschke's wish for a small conference center nearby. Construction will begin in Spring 2009 on the hotel, which will provide 25 jobs and include an enclosed swimming pool.

The park has just reached the point at which it is practical to show prospective clients around, yet Freeman and Bastian are already getting one to three inquiries a week. "And in the worst economic period we've seen," beams Freeman, "It's mainly due to word-of-mouth and a sign on the road." There is also a website: [www.i99businesspark.com](http://www.i99businesspark.com).

So who is interested so far? Businesses range from environmental



BOOM President Tom Freeman presents MU President Maravene Loeschke with a street sign honoring the university in the new business park.

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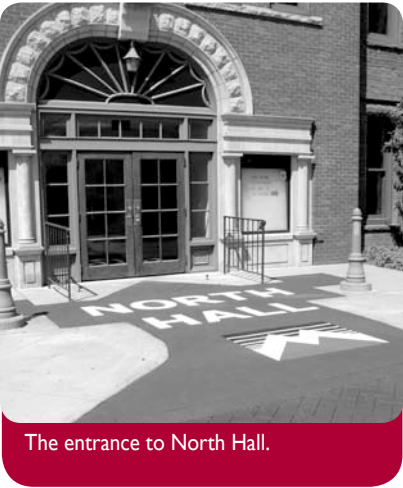
technologies to warehousing to distribution centers to cottage industries that need more space. Freeman says, "It will probably be a mix of all of these to be successful." One potential tenant was pleased to hear about the support the University was prepared to offer. "Their eyes just lit up," Bastian recalls.

But what is to keep this project from turning into one of those empty business parks visible from I-80? According to Bastian, the big difference is that they will protect the real estate brokers, whereas most business parks require clients to work directly through them and do not pay agents for bringing in business. "We will bring realtors up the end of this month to show them around," adds Bastian.

Location, Location, Relocation

In addition to providing opportunities for future MU graduates to stay in Mansfield, there is also the possibility that alumni interested in returning to the area will find the I-99 Business Park attractive, both physically and financially. The price per acre here — about \$103,950 — is one third that of urban and suburban areas. New construction may qualify for tax abatements, and because it is in the Tioga County Enterprise Zone there are state development loans available.

"You used to have to be in or near a big city to do business," reminds Freeman. "But now with telecommunication support you can work from virtually anywhere." With the support of the University, local development organizations, and borough officials, added to the low cost of living and beautiful sites, the I-99 Business Park is not just anywhere, but in a special place indeed.



The entrance to North Hall.

Campus Improvements Continue

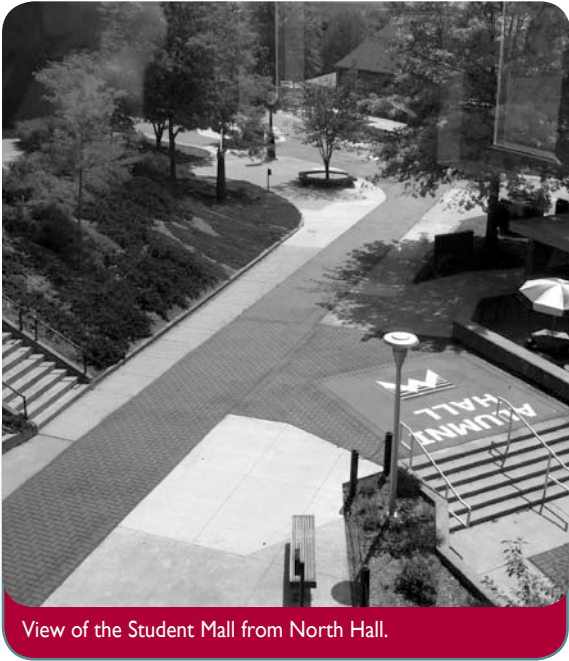
People returning to campus during the fall semester found the new South Hall open and fully operational. They also discovered the walkway on the Student Mall, leading to South Hall and other places on campus has a new look and feel.

Workers spent the summer putting down a new asphalt walkway that doesn't look like an asphalt walkway.

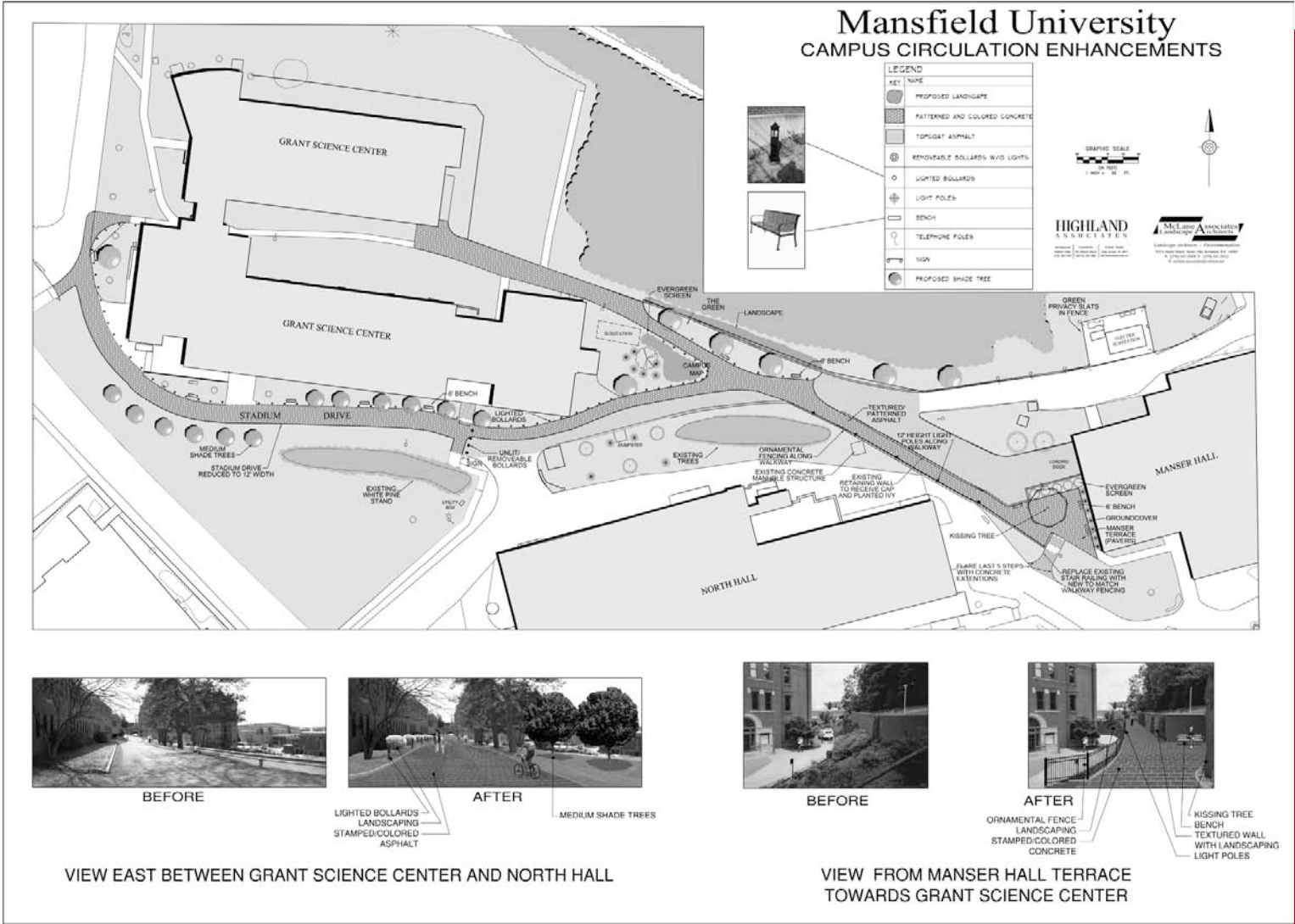
Using a process that involves reheating the asphalt, the new surface was stamped and then painted to give it the appearance of bricks. The new surface extends from the Student Mall to the walkway past Grant Science Center.

This is phase one of a project that will see the construction of a retaining wall along the backside of North Hall in phase two. The retaining wall will allow pedestrians to walk through this section of campus without having to ever use the area behind the Manser Hall loading dock.

"This project is exciting to see come together," Vice President for Finance & Administration Mike Reid said. "When completed, it will greatly enhance the feel of the campus and it really helps tie the campus together instead of having a fragmented feel to it. Additionally, I've found myself stopping to take in the scenic view in front of Grant Science that I never really noticed before."



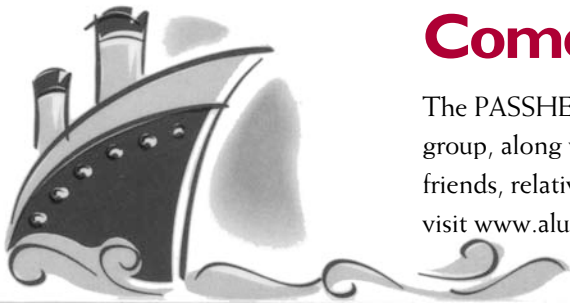
View of the Student Mall from North Hall.





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MU Alumni in Hawaii

More than 90 alumni and friends of the PASSHE Universities experienced an excursion to the beautiful islands of Hawaii from August 7 to 17, 2008. The group spent two nights in Honolulu (Oahu) and visited Pearl Harbor, the Arizona Memorial and the Punchbowl National Cemetery before boarding the ship for a 7-day tour of the islands. Additional ports of call included: Kahului, Maui; Hilo and Kona, Hawaii (big island); and Nawiliwili, Kaua'i. Some highlights of the trip included the after-dark viewing of the molten lava of Kilauea volcano pouring into the ocean and the dramatic beauty of the Napali coast with the added splendor of a double rainbow!



MU alumni and friends enjoyed getting to know one another and their fellow passengers during the on-board reception. R1: Cathy Gipe Rogers '72, Sally Gladfelter, Patricia Watters, Vivian Person. R2: Bonnie Huzey, Tom Huzey '67, Jim Rogers '71, John Gladfelter, Charles Watters '72, Betty Jane Schmoyer, Gerald Schmoyer, Richard Person, Denise Berg.



Tom '67 and Bonnie Huzey celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on the Hawaiian cruise.



Oahu resident Charles "Bob" Todd '66 greeted Denise with a beautiful orchid lei and treated her to a delightful tour of the island and dinner on the North Shore.

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# MU Students Worm Their Way into a Local Business

By Liliace Guignard

## A Community Approach to Business

Karen Russell, the CEO of Keystone North, Inc., a manufacturing company in Mansfield, has recently branched out from producing ball bearings and metal stampings to producing worm manure. Awarded a 2007 Composting Infrastructure Development Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Russell received \$87,288.96 to design and implement a small-scale vermicomposting system. To do this she is teaming up with Mansfield University students and hundreds of thousands of red wigglers.

Joshua Hammer, a MU student majoring in business administration (and Russell's son), discovered the grant online last June, three weeks before the deadline. Keystone North had fabricated part of a larger, similar digester for a client in 2005, so they were familiar with this type of composting system. The purpose of the smaller vermicomposter they have designed is to allow individual homes, farms, and restaurants to reduce waste loading at the local wastewater treatment plant and landfill by using worms to convert the waste into castings, a rich humus-like material. After some quick research, Hammer discovered that the two largest waste sectors in the region are organic food scrap and cardboard/paper—exactly what the worms eat. They completed the grant application and drove it down to Harrisburg, hand-delivering it the day it was due.

Russell, who graduated MU in 1978, sees this as an opportunity to diversify her business and create a partnership with the University. She plans to expand into small scale garden retail, supplying a range of products from high quality organic fertilizer and customized vermicomposters to planters and other items that can be fabricated from metal. To do this she is tapping the brains of MU students, providing internships for majors from biology to



Whitney Sunday squeezes water from shredded paper for worm bedding.

marketing. She is also tapping the University for the food scraps and used cardboard needed, ultimately reducing its waste by approximately eighteen percent. The PA DEP liked what it saw, awarding Keystone North the 80/20 reimbursement grant which required the 8x24 foot food digester to be operational by October 2008.

## Getting Down and Dirty

In late April I enter the Keystone North building next to the bowling alley. A woman in the office gets Russell who is working on the floor building bearings. "It's the last day of the month," she explains as we sit at the table where most of the brainstorming gets done. "We have a large shipment to fill." Though the full size vermicomposter is not yet complete, Russell has invited me to see a smaller model. "We figured we could be refining the process even as we are building the main one, so we can get the kinks out." When I ask what they have learned, she calls Whitney Sunday to join us.

Sunday, an MU student majoring in geography, joined Hammer as the first intern to work on the project. Her main responsibilities were to do research on worms and worm care, and to get the model up and running. She decided on red wigglers which they ordered from New Mexico. "These worms are top feeders," Sunday explains. "They'll keep moving up toward the new food and their castings can be collected from below. This way we don't have to worry about having to pick worms out of what we harvest." That's good because the worms are small—about 1,000 per pound, and the 4x4 model holds almost 30 pounds. Their appetites are large, however. One pound of worms eats 4 pounds of food scrap per week.

## Following Her Nose

Once the worms arrived, Sunday experimented with different ways to add food and bedding materials. It can't be too hot or too wet, but must maintain a moisture level of 70 to 90%. Right now she is manually prepping the food and bedding (peat moss and shredded cardboard), making this internship a truly hands-on experience.

Sometimes she has to pull out chunks of meat scrap. Twice she has had to take the top layer of food off because there was too much meat or dairy, items worms traditionally will not eat. Now she can tell by smell. Eventually, their system will grind the food stock, allowing for meat and dairy to be intermixed with other food waste in a way that will eliminate the need to separate products to be composted.

When asked what all this has to do with her academic studies, Sunday, who plans to go to graduate school at Penn State in watershed management, explains how this process binds nutrients, which means less run-off adversely affecting streams and rivers. "Pure cow manure spread on fields adds excess nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium to the water system when it rains. When dairy farmers use vermicomposting there's no run-off trouble."

## All Business

While Sunday engages with the project from an environmental interest, Hammer is all business. "The amount of money caught my eye first," he admits about the grant. This spring his main responsibilities were to track the grant money and research equipment purchases, giving him more front office experience in the company he says he will probably take over some day.

He is excited about creating another business that involves everyone. The big difference for the company is that they have always made products for other people. "Now we'll have our own product to sell," Russell says. "That's why interns will have a big role in our marketing the fertilizer and composting system."

## Come and Get It

Russell and Sunday invite me to tag along when they feed the worms. Hammer heads back to the production floor reminding his Mom about the looming deadline for ball bearings. We drive to their Covington facility where the model digester sits and where the full scale system is being constructed. As Sunday squeezes out the excess moisture from the peat moss, Russell pushes aside the top layer of bedding and food. The worms look happy enough in this habitat. Russell shows me a trap door they had cut into the side of the 8' x 24' digester. It opens to a plexiglass panel that, when it is full and running, will allow visitors to see into the world of worms. "My niece gave us the idea when she visited. This way we can show all the strata in demonstrations."

The way Russell is open to ideas from everyone makes her an especially effective manager and allows interns to have in-depth work experience. She acknowledges that the small size of the company allows her to interact with her employees and interns more than is possible in a large company. "I rely on their input," she says. "I got my degree in social work, and I find that influences my managerial style a lot. Basically, I listen to people."

As far as they know, there is no vermicomposting system in the area that serves the needs of the food service industry, so they will target individual restaurants and farms. "We will be able to customize any system for any size and need," declares Russell. "With the price of fertilizer, I can see golf courses being customers as well."



Bring Us Your Potato Peels, Your Leftovers, Your Crumpled Napkins

One month later, the difference is noticeable even to me. A new pulping station is up and running, making Sunday's hand-wringing a thing of the past. The depth of worms, food, and bedding in the model digester is higher. Luke Seymour, a local farm boy from Mainesburg, has taken over worm duty. Like Sunday, he is an MU geography major concentrating in watershed management. He dumps potato peels into the large disposal-like drain that grinds the food very fine so worms can eat it more easily. This way they eat more and faster. "These come from Eddie's Restaurant," he tells me while using a piece of wood to shove the peels down. After spring classes ended at the University, they have relied on town sources like Eddie's and Grammas' Kitchen for prep scraps for food and coffee grounds for bedding.

The production line is coming together fast and they are almost ready to fill the large digester. Fruit salad buckets pile at the far end of the warehouse. Another environmental aspect of the project is how they plan to use recycled food service pails to package the compost for sale. Once the system is operational, additional sections can be added to the digester bed up to twice the original size, further reducing the waste load heading toward the municipal treatment plant and landfill.

Keystone Garden Works

In October I stop back to see how everything is going. Seymour, who is interning this fall too, is holding the large tub of scraps while Hammer scoops pasta salad and something with tomato sauce into the pulper. Hammer sings "Macho Man" above the motor's growl. I check out the large digester, now filled, and above which hangs the new sprinkler system. Beyond the digester is the large screener that will sort the castings by size. The finest, called black gold, is the highest quality because it has the most nutrients. All that is missing is the conveyor to get the harvested castings to the screener, but they expect that to be in place by the end of November.

Russell greets me waving a sheet of paper. It's a list of the product names they have decided on and the company name which they registered just this week: Keystone Garden Works. She has already been in touch with the MU graphics department about getting students to design logos and labels for Keystone Food-to-Fertilizer, Keystone Artisan Collection (garden art), and Custom Fabricated Vermicompost Digesters.

The transition to the large digester has gone very smoothly, something Russell attributes to all the trial and error they put into the model one, which they will keep using as a testing ground. The large digester is maybe a third as deep as it could be, and the surface looks like perfectly loose, rich soil with little sprouts growing, probably from someone's salad. Russell moves her hand gently across the top, uncovering lots of tiny squirming babies. When they filled the large digester in July they started with 210,000—half the necessary worms. They estimate they have 300,000 now.

A Sustainable Harvest

"The truth is," she tells me, "the worms could handle more food than they're getting." In addition to the previous sources, they have started using scraps from Laurel Health, and could still use an additional 500 pounds of food scraps each week. Laurel Health is interested in using the fertilizer for an herb garden to supply the hospital cafeteria. This type of project offshoot

thrills Russell, who says she's looking for ways to give back to the community. "We'd love to be involved with a community garden project if someone started one."

Though it depends on how much they are able to feed the worms, Russell expects to harvest from the large digester by the end of January. But her focus is now on developing a web site and getting the products trademarked. She hopes to have a marketing student join them this spring.

"I couldn't have done this without my interns," declares Russell. Last August Seymour and Hammer gave a presentation at Ben Franklin Technology PArtners [sic] a company that focuses on fostering entrepreneurial development and technological innovation in Pennsylvania. Russell enjoys watching the students acquire real world

experience, and she sees no end to her collaboration with interns, the Mansfield University food service, and the community at large. Clearly, sustainability isn't just a buzz word here.



(L-R) Josh Hammer, Karen Russell and Luke Seymour confer over the model digester.

Society of Honors Call for Nominations

Each year outstanding alumni achievements are recognized through the Society of Honors Program.

To nominate Mansfield University Alumni for the following award(s), please check the applicable category. Complete the form below and **attach a narrative** citing the basis for the nomination.

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# Mansfield University on the Road: Calling all MU Basketball Alumni and Friends!

The MU Alumni Association and the MU Men's and Women's Basketball teams invite you to an afternoon filled with fun, food, games and more in West Chester, PA on **Saturday, February 21, 2009!**

Break out your red and black Mountaineer gear (order something new from the Campus Bookstore [www.mansfieldbookstore.com](http://www.mansfieldbookstore.com) 1-800-577-6798) and come out to support the Mansfield University Mounties as they take on the Golden Rams at West Chester University's Ehinger Gym in the Hollinger Field House. The women's team will tip-off at **1 p.m.**, with the men's game set to start at **3 p.m.**

Following the men's game, MU alumni and friends will gather for a special after-party event from **5 to 8 p.m.** at **Barnaby's Restaurant**, 15 South High Street in West Chester, PA (<http://www.barnabyswestchester.com> Phone 610-696-1400). A private room has been reserved for our group and we'll enjoy a buffet featuring appetizers, sandwiches and non-alcoholic beverages, and attendees will have the opportunity to meet MU Men's Head Basketball Coach, Rich Miller '99. There will be a cash bar, cool door prizes and lots of fun! Free,



Junior point guard Ryan Callahan, and senior point guard Courtney Brooks.

convenient parking located in the parking garage directly across the street.

For \$15, you will receive one admission ticket to the MU vs. WCU women's and men's basketball games at West Chester University (reserved tickets will be available game day in the gym lobby) and one reservation for the "MU Alumni and Friends After-Party" at Barnaby's.

You can also reserve single admission tickets to the MU vs. WCU basketball games only for \$5 pp (game tickets will be \$8 at the door) or make a reservation for the after-party only, for \$10.

The MU Alumni Association will be in attendance at both the women's and men's basketball games as well as at the after-party to help welcome guests and to cheer the Mounties on to victory! Space is limited, so don't get stuck

out in the cold – reserve your tickets today.

To register, please complete the form below and mail to arrive in Mansfield by **Monday, February 16.**



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# Sprint Football Makes Impressive Debut

The verdict is in. The Ivy League schools love Mansfield University in Mansfield, PA. At least that's true for Cornell, Penn and Princeton who, along with Army and Navy, allowed the small regional public university of 3,400 students to join their 172-pound limit Collegiate Sprint Football League this past year.

"We couldn't have asked for a better first season," says Steve McCloskey, Mansfield's director of athletic operations and information. "It is clear that we are at the start of something uniquely special."

Other schools are noticing too. McCloskey has received inquiries from four eastern private colleges that are curious about starting sprint football programs.

He won't name names but says, "One currently does have (heavyweight) football and would use sprint football to build male enrollment. Two others have not had football before. The last one had football and dropped it a couple of years ago."

Sprint football—a lightweight varsity version that is otherwise identical to the regular collegiate game—is being eyed as an alternative to the pricey arms race that NCAA football has become. When Mansfield dropped regular football after the 2006 season they were spending \$474,000 annually and struggling to be competitive in the tough NCAA Division II Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. Sprint football, by contrast, costs Mansfield around \$125,000 because it has only one full-time employee (head coach Dan Davis), does not require scholarships or large recruiting budget, and eliminates many of the extras such as pre-season practice.

The lack of a large recruiting budget hasn't hindered Mansfield's effort to recruit players. Eight states were represented on this year's roster including players from Alaska, Nevada, Texas, Maine and Michigan. Coach Davis has already gotten more than 200 inquiries for next season for high school seniors and coaches.

But the special atmosphere that football brings to campus remained undiminished at Mansfield. And the Ivy League visitors who attended games at Mansfield this season noticed.

"It was a treat for our team to play in front of so many people," wrote one mother of a Cornell student in appreciation. "I'm so glad you've come on board."

"I cannot begin to tell you how impressed I am with the men that play sprint football and the faculty, students and fans at Mansfield University," wrote a Penn grad who came to MU to see the Quakers' victory. "...we did not realize...that we were in for a memorable weekend that included a pep rally, fireworks, homecoming parade, marching band and terrific football game with nearly 5,000 fans in attendance."



The Mountaineers gang tackle a Cornell runner during the first sprint game in MU history on September 27.



Freshman running back Lucas Bailey.

And then there was the MU Crew—students formed to build school spirit at Mansfield. They made it a practice to go over to the visitors' stands at halftime and shake the hand of every single fan, thanking them for the invitation to join the league and for traveling to campus to support MU's sprint football program.

"In my many years of attending sporting events at all levels, I have never witnessed such sportsmanship and class by a host school," said a Penn Quaker fan.

Playing with mostly freshmen and sophomores, the Mountaineers went 1-3 for the season. They beat Princeton and lost to Cornell twice and Penn once. They didn't play Army and Navy because the service academies were deemed too tough to handle in the MU program's first year. But they improved every game and were beating Cornell with six minutes to play in the season finale.

Mansfield will become a full-fledged member of the CSFL in 2009. Army and Navy have been added to the schedule for next year which includes seven games.

If the Ivies and their fans were impressed with Mansfield, it's clear that MU was equally wowed by the experience.

"Sprint is a really different animal," says McCloskey. "It's college football but there is just so much respect among the participants. Everything is so positive." The Cornell parents and alumni, for example, invited the parents of the Mansfield players over to their pre-game and post-game tailgate on the MU campus to welcome them into the league.

The Mansfield players, for their part, were elated to be competing in storied arenas such as 25,000-seat Schoellkopf Field at Cornell and 27,000-seat Princeton Stadium.

"The fact that some of the seats were empty did not diminish the thrill in the least," says McCloskey. "There were many enthusiastic fans there and a lot of them were ours."

McCloskey says that the 51 players on the Mansfield sprint football roster became unusually close this year. "They think they are doing something special here and they are," he says. They are restoring a 115-year football tradition to the school that played the first-ever night football game back in 1892. And they may be lighting the way for other colleges who thought they couldn't afford football to start or restore the game themselves via sprint football.

For all the **latest news, scores and schedule** information,  
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## MANSFIELD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### January

- 12 Spring Semester Begins, 8 a.m.
- 14 Paintings by Chet Davis, University Gallery 1  
(runs through March 11)
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday — No Classes

### February

- 7 Jazz Ensemble, with X-Ray Big Band, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 11 Opening Reception & Artist's Talk, Chet Davis, University Gallery, 4 p.m.
- 15 Symphony Orchestra, Steadman Theatre, 3 p.m.
- 16 American Spiritual Ensemble, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 19 Theatre & Music Departments present, *Into The Woods*, Sraughn Hall, 8 p.m.
- 22 Theatre & Music Departments present, *Into The Woods*, Sraughn Hall, 2 pm.
- Symphonic Band, Steadman Theatre, 7 p.m.
- 24 The Real Group, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 26 Spring Holiday-No Classes (runs through March 6)

### March

- 13 String Orchestra, Steadman Theatre, 7 p.m.
- 14 Faculty Wind & Brass Chamber Music Concert, Steadman Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 18- 3-D Paper Vessels, Raphaela McCormack, University Gallery
- 21 Mansfieldians, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 25 Council of Trustees Meeting, North Hall Community Room, 11 a.m.
- 27 Mansfield Brass Quintet, Steadman Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Jazz Ensemble, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 30 Percussion Ensemble, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.

### April

- 3 Festival Chorus, Haydn & Faure, Steadman Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Festival Chorus ,Haydn & Faure, Troy (PA) H.S., 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Concert Choir, Trinity Lutheran Church, Pottsville, PA, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Concert Choir, Trinity United Church of Christ, York, PA, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Opening Reception & Artist's Talk, Raphaela McCormack, University Gallery, 4 p.m.
- 9 String Orchestra, Steadman Theatre, 7 p.m.
- 13 Concert Wind Ensemble, Steadman Theatre, 7 p.m.
- 16 Jazz Festival Vocal Concert, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 17 Jazz Festival Instrumental Concert, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 18 Symphonic Band, Steadman Theatre, 3 p.m.
- Concert Choir, Steadman Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Symphony Orchestra, Steadman Theatre, 3 p.m.
- 21 Guitaer Ensemble, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.

### May

- 2 Commencement, Van Norman Field, 11 a.m.
- 6 Graduating Art Students Show, University Gallery (runs through August 20)
- 27 Council of Trustees Meeting, North Hall, 4 p.m. Community Room

### June

- 12-13 Alumni Weekend

### September

- 25-26 Fabulous 1890s Weekend
- 26 Parents & Family Day

### October

- 9-11 Homecoming

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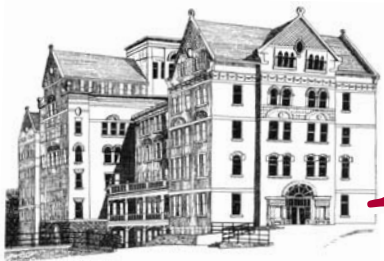
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## Strength in Numbers

### Three Alumni Serve in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Not since William Stone served as governor in the early 1900's, has Mansfield been so well represented in Pennsylvania state government. Three alumni—**Ron Miller**, **Tim Seip** and **Kenyatta Johnson** are serving in the House of Representatives.

MILLER is now in his sixth term in the House, Seip is starting his second term and Johnson is a freshman legislator beginning his first term in office.

Miller graduated from Mansfield in 1973 with a BS in secondary education. He came to campus with the dream of public service already in place.

"When I was 18 years old, I told my maternal grandfather that I was going to be a state rep some day and I just had a wonderful diversion," Miller said, referring to his 25-year career in private business as a safety and environmental manager for a company. "Then the opportunity arose to run and I finally decided it was time to do it."

A Republican, he represents the 93rd Legislative District in southern York County. Now in his 11th year in the State House, Miller was

involved in local politics before moving to the state level. "I spent 10 years on a local school board before coming to the legislature so I spent a lot of years in an elected position, which might actually be a tougher job," he said. "I supported the people who sat in this seat before me and I know a lot of the elected officials from our area so there weren't a whole lot of surprises."

Miller serves on the Appropriations Committee, where he is chairman of the sub-committee on education, the Transportation Committee, where he chairs the sub-committee on aviation, and the Veterans Affairs Committee and Emergency Preparedness Committee. He is also co-chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee Task Force on Education and Job Training.

SEIP graduated with a criminal justice degree in 1991.

"I wanted to get into probation," he said. "I always wanted to help people and work with people." After graduating he worked in a group home before moving

into the mental health system in Schuylkill County.

"Then I got into children's services and worked many different angles: private providers, government agencies on the county and state level, worked prison for two years and then at a hospital at Pottsville."

At the same time, Seip was also earning a master's degree in social work at Marywood University. It was working in the health care and mental health system, and his frustration with it, that motivated Seip to run for office.

"From 2000 to 2006, we saw a 75 percent increase in the cost of health care," he said. "I felt we had to do things smarter. I thought the only way to straighten this out was to become one of the policy makers. So I thought I'd run for state representative. People thought it was crazy. I thought it was crazy. I had never held any elective office."

Seip is now serving his second term representing the 125th district, which covers parts of Berks and Schuylkill counties. A Democrat, he's on the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, the Finance Committee, the Labor Relations Committee, and is secretary of the Health and Human Services Committee.

JOHNSON graduated in 1996 with a degree in criminal justice. He spent three years working with AmeriCorps, one year in the National School and Community Corps, and two years with the City Year program. He also completed a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania's Fels Institute of Government and earned a certificate from Harvard University's Business School.

During this time Johnson also established 'Peace Not Guns' in Philadelphia in 1998.

"We do violence prevention, conflict resolution and anger management," Johnson said. "A couple of my friends and a cousin were murdered, so I decided to create an organization to address youth violence as it relates to guns in the inner city."

As he became more involved in his community, doors opened for Johnson that eventually led him to run for representative last year.



(L-R) State Representatives Kenyatta Johnson '96, Tim Seip '91 and Ron Miller '73 show their Mansfield pride in the House of Representatives Chambers.

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# FROM MY VIEW

*As it has been for more than 150 years, the foremost goal at Mansfield is to provide our students with an excellent education and a rich college experience.*

This task has been made even more challenging by the difficult economic times in which we find ourselves.

Members of our campus community have rallied together, however, to solve problems, exercise flexibility and employ creative thinking to serve our students in new and efficient ways. As always we

appreciate your support and ask that you continue to give in any way possible.

While the University always welcomes endowed scholarships and gifts to existing scholarships, we have developed several additional priorities that are aligned with the strategic plan for our fundraising efforts over the next three years.

These new priorities include:

**THE STEINWAY PIANO PARTNERSHIP:** This initiative involves a continuous contract with Steinway Piano to provide piano replacement for the Music Department. You can read more about it in a separate article in this issue.

**THE ENDOWED STUDENT RETENTION SCHOLARSHIPS:** This endowment provides scholarships for returning students thus enhancing retention. In addition, unrestricted gifts are always welcome. Unrestricted gifts are used for annual, flexible scholarship needs.

**THE ENDOWED CHAIR IN LEADERSHIP:** This initiative will provide a guest faculty member in leadership each fall semester. The faculty member may be full time or part time. The individual will teach undergraduate and graduate classes, give guest lectures for classes and community and mentor students.

**THE INTERNATIONAL FLAGS PROJECT:** This initiative will provide 15 flagpoles and international flags representing countries from which we have international students. Each flagpole will display the name of the donor. The flagpoles will line the brick pathway behind North Hall and past Grant Science. The cost is \$5,000, \$2,500 of which will go to the Student Retention endowment or other scholarship of your choice.

**THE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EXCELLENT STUDENT ATHLETES:** Annual unrestricted gifts are also welcomed for our student athletes.

**THE COLLEGE/TOWN REFURBISHMENT:** This initiative will involve seeking donors and partners to refurbish Mansfield Borough in ways that support college student life and community life. It will begin with a movie theatre and can expand to other projects over time.

Please consider supporting any of these projects that may be of interest to you as we develop programs that will enrich the lives of our students – our future leaders – as well as our staff, faculty and community residents.

*Maravene Loeschke*  
Maravene Loeschke, President

Editor's Note: To hear Dr. Loeschke talk about these issues in depth go to [podcast.mansfield.edu](http://podcast.mansfield.edu)

## Fall Commencement Held

Three hundred forty one students received degrees at Mansfield University's 144th Commencement on December 13 in Decker Gymnasium.

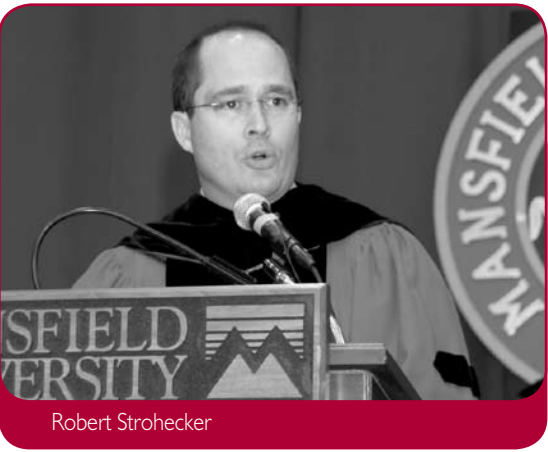
Before presenting the graduates with their diplomas, President Maravene Loeschke, told them, "As exciting as it is to get this degree today, it is just another step in your educational journey. Whether you choose to pursue other course or degrees, or whether you choose to self-educate, this milestone is the beginning, just the beginning of a lifelong learning journey. It has to be or success will escape you, and escape you quickly."

Robert Strohecker, vice president of the Mansfield University Council of Trustees and owner of Strohecker Vision Care, was the speaker.

Strohecker is the only graduate in MU history to receive his bachelor's degree after his doctorate. He entered the Pennsylvania College of Optometry after completing three years of undergraduate studies, receiving

a bachelor's in visual sciences in May 1986 and then his Doctor of Optometry degree in May 1989. Strohecker later returned to MU to finish his bachelor's degree, graduating in 1991 with Magna Cum Laude honors.

He offered the graduates this advice in finding their own success.



"My faith is the basis of my value system," Strohecker said. "Honesty, empathy, excellence and charity are all character qualities that I aspire to. They have been instilled in me from my youth and have served me well. With them you will never go wrong. Set high standards for yourself, and refuse to lower them. Put good mentors in your life. People that take you to new levels, that challenge you mentally, bring out the best in you, and are truthful to you."

In conclusion, using a theme from the recent presidential campaign, Strohecker told the graduates, "Today my hope is for all of you. That you may experience that personal change you can believe in; the acceptance of self, the realization of your life's purpose, and a heart of thankfulness."

## Keller Named Provost

Peter Keller has been named provost and vice president for academic affairs at Mansfield University.

Keller has been a member of the Mansfield faculty since 1974. He chaired the psychology department from 1985 until 2005. Keller then served as interim provost until July of that year and as interim dean of faculty until 2008.

In making the announcement MU President Maravene Loeschke said, "Dr. Keller emerged from the search process and an exceptionally strong pool of candidates as the top candidate. His candidacy attracted significant support from all campus constituencies."

Keller holds a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Miami with interests in professional ethics, organizational development, assessment and continuous improvement in higher education. He has authored or edited more than a dozen professional books and been a frequent presenter at national conferences in psychology.

Keller is a fellow of the American Psychological Association and past president of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association and the National Association for Rural Mental Health. He currently chairs the executive committee of the Tioga County Partnership for Community Health.

"Dr. Keller's knowledge of higher education and the state system; his vision for the academic programs at Mansfield University; his heartfelt devotion to the goals of the Strategic Plan; his respect for collegial, shared governance; his strong ethical base; and his love for Mansfield University will serve all of us well," Loeschke added. "I have the greatest respect for Dr. Keller and I look forward to partnering with him in the important work we have ahead."

Before taking on his new responsibilities in March, Keller was on sabbatical leave studying academic integrity and the development of positive ethical cultures in colleges and universities.



Peter Keller





## The Mansfield Alumni Book Nook

Have you read a good book lately? How about a great book written by a fellow Mansfield University alumnus? In this second issue of "The Mansfield Alumni Book Nook", the featured MU alumni author is Dr. Baiba Kreger '72 and

her new novel, *My Heritage, My Destiny*.

In *My Heritage, My Destiny*, Kreger writes about a young girl and her family's quest to get out of Latvia during World War II. The family flees to Germany, and as refugees, they face starvation, peril and even death. Through perseverance and a will to survive, the family creates a new beginning in the United States.

The novel is a real-life memoir of Kreger and her family, and features names and popular landmarks associated with Tioga County, Pennsylvania.

Kreger returned to campus on Thursday, February 12, 2009 and held a book lecture and signing in the Traditional Reading Room of North Hall. Members of the University and local community who attended



Members of Mansfield University and the local community participated in Dr. Baiba Kreger's book lecture and signing in North Hall on Thursday, February 12, 2009. Pictured l-r: Angela Lienhard, Sylvia Bachman Graver '72, Timothy Kreger (Baiba's son), Carol Himmelreich Brann '60 and MU student Chris Stanton. Seated: Dr. Baiba Kreger '72.

the event discussed her novel, learned about her family's recent trip to Latvia and even viewed precious family heirlooms. "It is so great that Dr. Kreger stays connected to the Mansfield community and that she came back to campus to share her story with us. She and her family came from a country that has known little peace, and they have experienced what most MU students only read about in their history books," said Chris Stanton, current MU student and attendee at Kreger's signing.

Kreger graduated from Mansfield University in 1972 with a bachelor of science in Elementary Education. She went on to earn her masters in Elementary Education from MU and a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. She lives in Liberty, PA with her two cats, Cinnamon and Furby.



A young Baiba Kreger stands in front of the window of her home in Latvia that is described in the first chapter of *My Heritage, My Destiny*.

To order a copy of *My Heritage, My Destiny* call 1-800-AUTHORS or visit [www.iUniverse.com](http://www.iUniverse.com).

If you are a published Mansfield University alumni author, or know of an MU alumnus who is, please let the Alumni Relations Office know. The MU Alumni Association is collecting books written by Mansfield's talented alumni and displaying them in the Alumni Office. In each issue of the Mansfieldian, a different book will be selected from the collection and featured in the column "The Mansfield Alumni Book Nook." Send all information to Tracey Dukert, assistant director of Alumni Relations, at [alumni2@mansfield.edu](mailto:alumni2@mansfield.edu) or call 888-305-6505.

Happy reading!

## Mansfield University in the National News

**MU faculty and administrators are frequently in the national news, often contributing to the public dialogue on important issues. MU's programs and practices make news also. Here are examples:**

"What better way to find out about a possible career than from someone who does it every day?" asks Nichole Hall, programming and internship coordinator for Mansfield University in Mansfield, PA. "Job shadowing is a great way for students to take a short "career test-drive." — *Examiner.Com*, Feb. 10, 2009 in article titled "The Lost Art of Job Shadowing."

"Make no mistake, sprint is real football. Pads, helmets, contusions, the whole hundred yards. So when Mansfield announced in October 2007 that it would field a sprint team in 2008, the university suddenly found itself in need of a large number of small football players." — *University Business Magazine*, February 2009.

"Despite the inevitable missteps, allowing governors to fill Senate vacancies is generally a smart solution," said Jeff Bosworth, assistant professor of history at Mansfield University in Pennsylvania. "It's atypical to choose a senator this way, but it's worse to leave a state unrepresented for the time it takes to put together a special election," Bosworth said. "I can't see a better system than leaving it to the governor. They're elected, and if you don't like what they did, don't vote for them next time." — Jan. 24, 2009 national Associated Press story about governors' picks to fill U.S. Senate vacancies.

"Such programs as Mansfield University's Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership are intended to be responsive to the needs of individuals and institutions looking to enhance and promote leadership in education, health care, social services, and a variety of businesses, sports, arts, and so on. What distinguishes and elevates such programs beyond the mere subject matter of business and law schools is collaborative research on leadership for people in organizations, rather than research on people in organizations." — *FinChannel.Com*, Nov. 24, 2008 in an article titled "The Psychology of Leadership vs. the Business of Management."

## Recruit an MU Student

Do you or your employer offer internship and/or co-op opportunities to college students? The Mansfield University Alumni Office has partnered with the MU Career Center to connect MU alumni with current students in a way that will be beneficial to both — through internships and co-op opportunities. By providing these hands-on experiences, your organization can benefit from the fresh perspective and quality assistance of an energetic MU undergraduate student. In return, the student is able to combine theory with practice, strengthen career-related skills and gain professional experience — creating an invaluable relationship for both the student and the organization.

The competition for recruiting tomorrow's leaders to your company can be intense. Take advantage of the opportunity to get acquainted with these leaders today by contacting the MU Alumni Office and providing us with information on the internships and/or co-op opportunities available at your organization. E-mail the MU Alumni Office at [alumni2@mansfield.edu](mailto:alumni2@mansfield.edu) or call 888-305-6505. When your information is received the MU Career Center will publicize your information to the campus community.

Do you have job openings to fill? You can post them to Mansfield University's College Central Network — a free online job and internship posting site. Visit [www.collegecentral.com/mansfield/](http://www.collegecentral.com/mansfield/) and register today.

For more information about MU student intern, co-op and job recruiting, please contact Nichole Hall, internship coordinator, by emailing [nhall@mansfield.edu](mailto:nhall@mansfield.edu) or calling 570-662-4914.

# Supporting MU– Just a Phone Call Away



As we look toward the promise of spring weather, it is with gratitude that we thank generous Mansfield supporters for helping us to reach our pledge goal during the fall Phonathon. Despite the economic constraints on many businesses and individuals that support us annually, our mission of supporting Mansfield University was marked with success. Our student callers raised \$151,000 in pledges during a six week call period in the fall of 2008.

The Spring Phonathon will begin in March and continue through the month of April. Our students and student athletes will start sharing information with supporters and potential supporters of the Mansfield Annual Fund. With a focus on the Mansfield Annual Fund, callers will be sharing information about the importance of scholarships, the current focus of the Mansfield Annual Fund. As 80% of students are eligible for financial aid, scholarships are a much needed resource at Mansfield University. However, scholarship funding is not available for all of the students who qualify. With the Mansfield mission to develop tomorrow's leaders, it is important that the necessary support is available.

*"The scholarships that I receive through the Mansfield Annual Fund help me a lot. I come from a modest upbringing with little resources for tuition. With that load taken away I am able to think about other opportunities to get involved on campus and in the local community."*

-Nicole '12

*"I use the library a lot because it's a great place to sit quietly and study. Mansfield offers great trips for students that I am able to take advantage of on a student's budget. Without the help from the Scholarships provided by the Mansfield Annual Fund, not only would tuition been on my mind, but I wouldn't be enjoying my study time or thinking about doing much traveling either."*

-Sarah '11

Our goal during spring Phonathon is to rekindle memories of Mansfield, update pertinent and exciting information on our alumni and friends, while aiming to raise \$140,000 in pledges. Supporting Mansfield University with gifts shows future students that they too can be successful on this campus. Across the state and nation, our callers bring Mansfield to life for alumni who are unable to visit campus for events and celebrations. The opportunity for our students to speak to real supporters of MU allows our callers to leave the campus call center and see first hand, the ways that the campus community benefits from those very dollars that they helped to secure. Through a refreshing connection with current students, it is our hope that alumni and friends will reach out and support MU.

If you are an alumni or friend who is interested in speaking with a student to get updated information on Mansfield, the athletics, curriculum, and campus life, please make sure you provide us with your most current contact information. Thank you for your continued support of Mansfield University.

If you have any questions about our Phonathon calling, please feel free to contact L. Kerry Miller at 570.662.4296 or [lkemiller@mansfield.edu](mailto:lkemiller@mansfield.edu).

## History Site Covers 150 Years

What Mansfield luminary has a college building, a war ship and a state park named after him?

How did the Mountaineers get their name?

When did The Island become Smythe Park?

These and a lot of other questions are answered on the almost new **Mansfield –150 Years of History Website**. "We say 'almost new' because it started as a history site during the Sesquicentennial Celebration, said Dennis Miller '71, public relations director.

The university and the borough, both of which came into being in 1857, spent a year celebrating their shared heritage in 2007. "When the festivities were over, we had made a lot of progress on the Sesquicentennial History so we renamed it our history site so we could continue expanding it," Miller said.

The site contains information on both the borough and the university. "Both entities came into existence together and have travelled through the centuries together," Miller said. "So there are historical articles about both. In fact, many articles contain information about the borough and university. "

Most of the articles to date were written by Chris McGann '97 and '06.

The site, maintained by Miller and fellow MU employee Steve Orner '81, is large and growing. "The beauty of a website is that it's a continual work in progress. We're constantly adding new content and revising existing content."

Right now the team is going back through existing articles and adding links to other sites with relevant information. "Our involvement in the Civil War is a good example," Orner said. "When we mention the Army of the Potomac or General George McClelland we provide links to sites with more information on those subjects. It really helps put Mansfield's involvement in the larger context of the war."

The history site, among other categories, has a large section of audio interviews with people important to the university and town over the past five decades. Many, interviewed in the 1970s, take the listener back to the turn of the 20th century. Others, such as former president Rod Kelchner and librarian Larry Nesbit, bring to life more recent history.

"One of our next projects is to have transcriptions of the interviews uploaded," Miller said.

To access the site go to **Mansfield.edu** and click on **Mansfield**

– **150 Years of History** or simply go to **[mansfield.edu/150](http://mansfield.edu/150)**

"We welcome articles, photos, memories of your years at Mansfield or even contributions of relevant material," Miller said. To submit information, contact Steve Orner at [sorner@mansfield.edu](mailto:sorner@mansfield.edu)







## From Your Alumni Director

MU Alumni and Friends enjoy having a reason to get together. On Saturday, December 6, 2008, alumni and friends from the Troy, PA area experienced a musical beginning to the holiday season when the Mansfield University Choral ensembles presented a concert at Troy High School. The group gathered prior to the concert to enjoy a reception and greetings of the season.

### Upcoming Alumni Events

**WILLIAMSPORT, PA** – Tony Confer '97 is hosting the 3rd Annual MU Alumni Billtown Bash at the Cell Block scheduled for Saturday, June 6 beginning at 6 p.m. Cash bar, door prizes, raffles, entertainment and food. Donations accepted at the door. RSVP to Tony by Thursday, May 21 confert@comcast.net The Cell Block is located at 154 West Third Street in Williamsport.

**LAMBDA CHI ALPHA** – Sean Goodrum '98 is organizing a Homecoming gathering for brothers of Lambda Chi on Saturday, October 10, 2009 to be held at the Mansfield Fire Hall, 381 South Main Street. FMI or to RSVP contact Sean at Goodrums@gmail.com or 305-793-0692 .

**ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA** – Save the date for Delta Epsilon's 40th Anniversary Celebration in June 2010. "Scenery may change but Sisterhood remains the same! 40 Years of Delta Epsilon." Sisters are encouraged to attend Homecoming 2009 to help plan the reunion. Contact Alyssa Guers '00 at asadeltaepsilon@gmail.com or 267-644-5255.

### ALUMNI WEEKEND 2009

In addition to many of the traditional activities planned for Alumni Weekend **Friday, June 12** and **Saturday, June 13**, we have added some special events this year. President Loeschke will be hosting a tea at her home to honor **The History of Home Economics at Mansfield**. From 1914 when the first "domestic science" course found its way to the curriculum, to 1926 when Mansfield was granted the right to confer the degree of Bachelor of Science in Home Economics, and to present day as Mansfield students continue to study Nutrition and Dietetics, we are proud to recognize the many graduates and professors who have built outstanding reputations for themselves and for Mansfield. We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to graduates and professors of the **Social Work, Anthropology** and **Sociology** programs who will be gathering together during the Ice Cream Social. To

top off the weekend, the Greeks are planning a mixer for Saturday evening. See page six for Alumni Weekend details and registration information.

### Class of 1959 Update

The class has set a goal to establish an **endowed scholarship fund** of **\$20,000** to commemorate their Golden Anniversary and signify their ongoing loyalty and commitment to Mansfield. As of mid-March the class has raised **\$18,000** towards their \$20,000 goal! Many class members have indicated that they hope to attend the special celebration on campus during Alumni Weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you in June!

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2008 Holiday Concert in Troy, PA: Nancy Johnson Hetrick '66, Sheryl Stanton Angove '78, William Angove, Ellen Judson Foust '58, Virginia Stanton Hough '41, Karen Gilliland, Janice Madigan Kennedy '46, Tom Gilliland '70.



## ALUMNI & FRIENDS — Come Travel With Us

The PASSHE Alumni & Friends Travel Program trips are designed to give you the comfort of traveling with a group, along with the freedom to do things on your own. The special values of travel programs are available to friends, relatives and colleagues — please share the information! For more information and complete itineraries visit [www.alumnivacations.com](http://www.alumnivacations.com). For reservations and pricing from alternate cities call 1-800-506-7447.

### 12-night Gems of the Baltic Cruise July 8 - 21, 2009

Sailing round-trip from London, ports included Copenhagen, Denmark; Warnemunde, Germany; Tallinn, Estonia; St. Petersburg, Russia (for two days); Helsinki, Finland and Stockholm, Sweden. Prices start at \$2905 pp (inside cabin) and include airfare from Newark. Government taxes and fuel surcharges extra.

### 7-night Bermuda Cruise August 9 – 16, 2009

Enjoy the sun, tropical climate and beauty of Bermuda. Sail round-trip from New York to Bermuda on this 7-night cruise, featuring three full days in Bermuda. Prices start at \$1009 pp (cruise only); government taxes and fuel surcharges are extra. PaSSHE travel program will arrange for round-trip motorcoach transportation from select cities in PA directly the port in to New York (cost TBD).

### 11-night Transatlantic Cruise September 18 – 30, 2009

Sailing from London (optional three-night pre-cruise package available), you'll follow the routes discovered by the great Viking mariners. Ports of call include Lerwick, Shetland Islands (Scotland); Reykjavik (Iceland); St. John's, Newfoundland; Halifax, Nova Scotia; with a final destination of New York. Prices start at \$1280 pp and include air and ground transfer to ship. Taxes and government fees are additional.

### 14-day Far East Cruise Oct. 23 – Nov. 9, 2009

Over thirty centuries of history and culture await your discovery in China and Vietnam where you'll experience a kaleidoscope of unique sights, sounds and tastes. Ports of call include Nha Trang, Phu My, and Da Nang, Vietnam; Sanya, Hainan and Xiamen, PRC; Shanghai and Hong Kong, China. Cruise-only prices start at \$3046 pp and include seven tours/excursions and a two-night hotel stay in Hong Kong. Taxes, government fees and fuel supplemental charges are extra. Air rates TBA.

# Alumni Weekend 2009

Alumni Weekend is always a special time for alumni and friends to return to campus and this year is no exception. So mark it on your calendar and join your friends and classmates on campus June 12 and 13, 2009. Honored guests will include the **Class of 1959**, **Society of Honors** inductees, **retired faculty**, graduates and professors associated with **Home Economics**, **Social Work**, **Sociology** and **Anthropology**, as well as all those with class years ending in **9** and **4**. There's a full schedule of activities planned with plenty of opportunities to get reacquainted and to see what's new and exciting at Mansfield.

We look forward to seeing you on campus in June!

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Check the MU website for updates regarding Alumni Weekend and a list of registered guests at <http://mansfield.edu/alumni>

We invite you to share your favorite **Mansfield Memory** using the online form accessible through the MU Alumni & Friends website at [mansfield.edu/alumni](http://mansfield.edu/alumni). Click "Happenings", then "Upcoming Events" and then "Alumni Weekend 2009." This online form has been specially created for Alumni Weekend 2009 and will be available for a limited time only – so send us your memories now!

## Special Events

### Friday, June 12

Our annual **Alumni Golf Tournament** will be held at the Corey Creek Golf Club with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. In addition to providing a competitive activity, proceeds from the tournament fund athletic scholarships for Mansfield University students. The entry fee covers all fees, most contests (duffers, skins and mulligans) and includes lunch. The "Kappa" challenge continues. For more info contact Roger Maisner, director of athletics at [rmaisner@mansfield.edu](mailto:rmaisner@mansfield.edu) or 570-662-4636 or Kris Decker, [kdecker@mansfield.edu](mailto:kdecker@mansfield.edu) or 570-662-4466.

This year we are celebrating **The History of Home Economics** at Mansfield. Join us in honoring the highly regarded graduates and faculty associated with the Home Economics, Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, and Food Service programs. 2009 marks the 100th Anniversary of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and Mindy Miller Rottmund '81, CFCS, current president of PAFCS will be joining us and providing

historical information about the association as well as display items, including Mansfield's Betty Lamp.

The following retired and current faculty plan to celebrate with us:

**Janice Madigan Kennedy '46**, **Mary Lee McClure Trowbridge '59**, **June Dreibelbis Rudy '60**, **Kathy Andrews Wright '82**, **Stephen Brown**, **Rochelle Clark** and **Shirley Lindsey**.

MU alumni have many interests and talents and this year we invite you to showcase your special talent or interest during **Friday's Show and Tell** beginning at 10 a.m. We'll provide the display tables (anticipate 1/2 of a 6 foot table), and you are invited to provide the display items (quilts, crafts, travel photos, photography, maple syrup, floral arrangements, etc.). FMI contact Tracey Dukert at [tdukert@mansfield.edu](mailto:tdukert@mansfield.edu) or 1-888-305-6505. On Friday afternoon MU President Dr. Maravene Loeschke will be hosting a **tea at the President's residence** to honor the History of Home Economics at Mansfield. We invite everyone to help us celebrate.

And when was the last time you were in the Home Economics building (aka Elliott Hall)? Join MU professor Dr. Kathy Wright '82 as she hosts a **tour of the Food Labs** beginning at 4 p.m.

Throughout the day there will be **student-hosted tours of North Hall** and you'll want to save some time for shopping at the **Campus Bookstore** located in Alumni Hall.

**Lobsterfest!** The tradition continues... Join us for a delicious feast of lobster, shrimp and Steamship Round of Beef. Sit back, relax, and savor the delicious food and the wonderful company. And then you'll find it hard to keep your toes from tapping when **Joe Cavallaro's Dixieland Jazz Band** strikes up the tunes.

### Saturday, June 13

Following the **Class Meetings** and **Class Photos**, we'll be honoring class years ending in 9 and 4 with special recognition for the **Class of 1959**, **retired faculty** and the newest members of the **Alumni Society of Honors** at **Saturday's Luncheon**. Reunion classes will be seated together. Following lunch, there will be **student-hosted tours of North Hall** and **guided bus tours of campus**. We extend a special welcome to graduates and faculty of the **Social Work**, **Anthropology** and **Sociology** departments who will be joining us at the annual **Ice Cream Social**. Current and retired faculty who plan to be on hand to welcome you include **Dr. Nancy Sidell**, **John Mansfield**, **Dr. Janice Purk**, **Dr. Pam Richmond**, **Ying Yang**, **Dr. Larry Miller** and **Bob Wooley**.

Be prepared to enjoy the **Sixth Annual Campus Place Tennis Ball Race** – a FUNdraising (spectator) event to benefit the MU Women's Soccer Team! Contact Coach Tim Dempsey for more information [tdempsey@mansfield.edu](mailto:tdempsey@mansfield.edu) or 570-662-4454.

On Saturday evening, everyone is welcome to participate in the **Greek Mixer** at Corey Creek Golf Course featuring a buffet of appetizers and desserts, a cash bar and music that spans the decades. Which organization will be best represented? Show up to find out! FMI contact Jerry Wood '77 '78 at [woodjerome@aol.com](mailto:woodjerome@aol.com) or Marirose Murphy '79 at [la.irishlamb75@yahoo.com](mailto:la.irishlamb75@yahoo.com).

## Schedule of Events June 12 — 13, 2009

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 11

3 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**EARLY ARRIVAL REGISTRATION**, Laurel B Residence Hall  
Registration packet will include name badge, confirmation for all pre-paid meals & events, listing of all registered attendees, campus map, any updates or changes to event schedule.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**, Laurel Lounge  
Residence Hall guests.

8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

**REGISTRATION**, Laurel

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**NORTH HALL OPEN**. Hosted tours throughout the day.

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**CAMPUS BOOKSTORE OPEN**, Alumni Hall Student Center

8 a.m.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**, Corey Creek Golf Club  
Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**SHOW AND TELL**, 307 Alumni Hall  
We'll provide the display tables, you provide the display items and showcase your talents!

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**JAZZMAN'S CAFE** open for lunch, Alumni Hall

2 – 4 p.m.

**AFTERNOON TEA AND HOUSE TOUR**, President's residence  
Honoring Home Economics graduates and professors.  
Everyone welcome.

4 p.m.

**GUIDED TOUR OF THE FOOD LABS IN ELLIOTT HALL**,  
hosted by Dr. Kathy Wright '82

6:30 p.m.

**LOBSTERFEST**, Main Dining room, Manser Hall

8 – 10:30 p.m.

**JOE CAVALLARO'S DIXIELAND JAZZ BAND**, Main Dining room,  
Manser Hall. Light refreshments.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 13

7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**, Laurel Lounge  
Residence Hall Guests

8 – 10:30 a.m.

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**CAMPUS BOOKSTORE OPEN**, Alumni Hall Student Center

9 – 10 a.m.

**REGISTRATION AND CLASS RECEPTION**, North Hall  
Coffee and pastries

9:30 a.m.

**CLASS OF 1959** and guests will meet in 307 Alumni Hall

10 – 11:30 a.m.

**CLASS MEETINGS & CLASS PHOTOS**, North Hall

Noon – 2:15 p.m.

**ALUMNI WEEKEND LUNCHEON**, North Dining, Manser Hall  
Honoring reunion classes, Society of Honors, and retired faculty

2:30 & 3:30 p.m.

**GUIDED BUS TOURS OF CAMPUS**

2:30 & 3:30 p.m.

**GUIDED TOURS OF NORTH HALL**

3:30 – 5 p.m.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**, Student Mall  
Special guests – Social Work, Anthropology, and Sociology  
graduates and professors

4:45 p.m.

**CAMPUS PLACE TENNIS BALL RACE**, adjacent to Student Mall

4 p.m. - ?

**GREEK MIXER**, Corey Creek Golf Course. Everyone welcome.

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 14

7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**, Laurel Lounge  
Residence Hall Guests

8 – 10 a.m.

Residence Hall checkout

*Please note: MU campus is smoke-free. This includes all indoor and outdoor areas of the university.*



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Registration

Please complete this form and return with payment by Friday, June 5, 2009.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list who will be arriving with you and their class year if Mansfield Alum: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you require handicapped parking: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please indicate if you are affiliated with the following:

\_\_\_\_ Home Economics (including Clothing and Textiles, Nutrition and Dietetics and Food Service)

\_\_\_\_ Social Work \_\_\_\_\_ Greek (List Greek affiliation) \_\_\_\_\_

Events

Please indicate the events you will be attending:

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

8 a.m. **Golf Tournament**, Corey Creek Golf Club.....#\_\_\_\_\_ of reservations x \$\_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Price includes lunch, most contests and all fees.  
\$100 pp/non-member \$85 pp/member Corey Creek Golf Club  
10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Show & Tell** .....#\_\_\_\_\_ attending, no charge = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NC  
I plan to bring a display item(s). Please attach a full description.  
Registration deadline for display items is May 29.  
2 p.m. **Afternoon Tea at the President's residence** .....#\_\_\_\_\_ attending, no charge = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NC  
4 p.m. **Tour of Food Labs**, Elliott Hall .....#\_\_\_\_\_ attending, no charge = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NC  
6:30 p.m. **LobsterFest Buffet Dinner** (features a whole Maine lobster)  
Lobster, Steamship Round of Beef & Shrimp .....#\_\_\_\_\_ of reservations x \$35/pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Or  
Steamship Round of Beef & Shrimp.....#\_\_\_\_\_ of reservations x \$20/pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

9 a.m. **Class Reception, Meeting & Photos**.....#\_\_\_\_\_ attending, no charge = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NC  
Noon **Alumni Weekend Luncheon** .....  
This luncheon honors the Class of 1959, Society of Honors recipients, and retired faculty.  
There is no charge for these honorees or for Classes of 1954, 1949, 1944, 1939 and 1934. ....#\_\_\_\_\_ of reservations x \$15/pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(entree will feature an Italian-marinated chicken breast)  
3:30 p.m. **Ice Cream Social** .....#\_\_\_\_\_ attending x no charge = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NC  
4 p.m. **Greek Mixer** .....#\_\_\_\_\_ attending x \$20/pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**On-Campus Housing in Laurel Residence Hall: Room fee is \$50 per person** (regardless of the number of nights) and includes light continental breakfast. **Linen fee is \$10 per set** and includes sheets, blanket, pillow and towel. **Please note:** Laurel is neither air-conditioned nor heated in June. You may want to bring: blanket and/or fan, wash cloth, additional towel(s), alarm clock, clothing hangers.

☐ I/we will stay in Laurel and bring my own linens #\_\_\_ people x \$50 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ I/we will stay in Laurel and need linens #\_\_\_ people x \$60 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Arrival:** I/we will be arriving at approximately \_\_\_\_\_ (time) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

**Departure:** I/we will be departing at approximately \_\_\_\_\_ (time) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Complete form and return with payment by June 5 to:

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Alumni Office  
Alumni Hall Ground Floor  
Mansfield University  
Mansfield, PA 16933

☐ Check enclosed payable to: MUF, Inc. – Alumni Weekend  
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Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Call 570-662-4390

Directions from Route 15:

Take Route 6 Exit to Mansfield. Turn left and travel east on Route 6. Proceed straight through traffic light; proceed 2 blocks, turn right onto South Academy Street. Proceed one full block; turn left onto College Place. Laurel residence hall will be on the right. You can park (temporarily) along the curb while you register. You'll receive a campus map in your registration packet along with information regarding parking. (Manser Dining, Alumni Hall, North Hall and the president's home are to the left/north of College Place.)

When you arrive, please go directly to registration:

Thursday & Friday – Laurel lobby  
Saturday – North Hall

\*\*\* Emergency \*\*\*

If someone must reach you during Alumni Weekend call **Mansfield University Police (570) 662-4900.**



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"I had a mentor, Hardy Williams, a former state senator, who helped me. Some community folk kept encouraging me to run for office because they saw the work I was doing with 'Peace not Guns,'" Johnson said. "Those two factors motivated me to put myself out there and run."

A Democrat, Johnson represents the 186th District, which includes parts of south and southwest Philadelphia. He serves on the Aging and Older Adult Services Committee, the Children and Youth Committee, the Commerce Committee, and the Urban Affairs Committee, where he is secretary.



The Common Good

Three representatives at different levels of experience, different backgrounds, and different political parties. But all three share the same desire to do good for the people who elected them.

"Legislatively you get to do some things that are fulfilling, but nothing is quite as fulfilling as being able to help one of your constituents through some of the state issues when they're having trouble finding their way," Miller said.

"I look at myself now as a macro-social worker, helping people with all different kinds of things," Seip said. "Maybe it's someone who lost his renewal form for a driver's license. Maybe someone needs a birth certificate. Sometimes it's someone trying to apply for state grants to fill some void in the community."

While just months into his new position, Johnson shares Miller's and Seip's passion for helping people. He also shares their appreciation for what they do and where they do it.

"It's everything I thought it was going to be, and even more," he said. "I'm honored to be able to serve in this historical institution, same institution that Ben Franklin served in. I'm ecstatic every time I'm on the house floor, during sessions and during the Pledge of Allegiance. I enjoy the camaraderie of my colleagues from across Pennsylvania with different and diverse views from myself, coming from an urban environment like Philadelphia."

"There is a lot of close examination of the budget and some inventive thinking to try and reduce some costs," Seip said. "There are a lot of tough choices."

"There are going to be some cuts," Johnson added. "There is no doubt about that. Hopefully, it's as minimal as possible so that people who are less fortunate won't be impacted significantly."

Laying the Foundation for Leadership

All three graduates say the lessons learned and the experience gained at Mansfield helped them get to Harrisburg.

"I got my start at Mansfield," Johnson said. "I served as student government president and as the chair of the Student Board of Governors, so I would come to Harrisburg with students from other state universities and lobby for funding for the System universities. That's what piqued my interest."

"I went to some student government meetings just to go and participate as a spectator and they needed senators so I said, 'alright, I'll join,'" Seip remembers. "I just got put on it. And then they said, who wants to be the treasurer and everyone was looking around and so I said, 'alright, I'll do it.' As treasurer, I was automatically on the Committee on Finance, which was a great experience. I was also on the University Faculty Senate. So I did a lot of things at Mansfield that got me even more interested in government and policy."

For Miller, the era played a part in making him more politically aware. "I started at Mansfield in 1969 so it was a period of extreme change in the country," he said. "The Vietnam War was going on and there were great political events. There were always a lot of discussions, a lot to think about.

Mansfield was a great experience that way. I think it was more my interaction with my professors and the challenges they gave me."

**"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."**  
— Benjamin Franklin

The trio is unanimous in their fondness for their school, their time spent at Mansfield, and the people they shared time with.

"There were always opportunities to do things," Seip said. "Whether it was intramural sports, student government, there were all different kinds of clubs. And you had people from all over. We were pretty diverse at Mansfield. There were students from populated areas, from rural areas. All in all, you always had an opportunity to build relationships in whatever you were doing, whether it was intramural volleyball or in student government. And one of the things I always liked about Mansfield was the small class size. You always had the opportunity to build some relationships with classmates and faculty as well."

Johnson echoed similar sentiments on small class sizes. "I believe that helped me out, that one-on-one interaction with my professors, as well as the support staff," he said.

"Mansfield was such a neat place to go to college," Miller said. "The location, just the whole atmosphere. It's not for everyone, being in the rural setting that it is. But it was a great place to go to college. I remember my political science department courses and my professors, Revere and Little, and many people I'm sure who have retired. It's with great fondness that I think back to Mansfield. I was there when the old gym was there and then we built the new gym. I was there when North Hall wasn't the library. It was the freshman girl's dorm. It was just a great place to be."

"I think about the mentorship that took place while I was at Mansfield," Johnson said. "Individuals such as Joe Maresco, Dr. Toni (Baylor-Ayewoh), Rod Kelchner, the president. I used to go to his house and have conversations when I was in student government. I still interact with Dr. (Ted) Ryan, who played a major role in helping me during my internship. I just hired a young man from Mansfield who did an internship with me from Mansfield, Roi Ligon. He works in my district office. Annie Cooper played a tremendous role in just helping me grow as a young man. It was the mentorship, the guidance and encouragement of the staff and also the camaraderie of the students that played a major role in helping me grow. A lot of people ask about Mansfield. I tell them that was the best experience of my life."

In the years they've served together in the House, Miller and Seip have had regular opportunities to talk. Miller is looking forward to making the Mansfield "alumni meetings" a three way conversation.

"For years, whenever anyone from Mansfield, one of the interns or somebody else, was introduced I'd be the only one to walk over and say, 'Hey, nice to meet you. I graduated from Mansfield.' Now we have Tim and Kenyatta. It's pretty cool."

"We were happy (State Representative) Matt Baker brought the world beaters, the Concert Choir," Seip said of the Choir and Mansfieldians being honored last October for winning gold medals at the World Choir Games. "They came in and sang and the president was there. All of us really gravitate toward people from Mansfield when we know they're there in the Capitol."

"We keep the communication lines and the dialogue open on how we can be supportive of the university," Johnson said. "We look at one another as family."

OTHER MANSFIELD GRADUATES WORKING IN PENNSYLVANIA STATE GOVERNMENT

THOMAS BROWNING '75  
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Senator Robert J. Mellow

STEVEN M. CRAWFORD '81  
Secretary for Legislative Affairs  
Office of the Governor

CHARLES S. HALL '85  
District Administrator  
Representative Garth Everett

AMY KELCHNER '79  
Health Care Reform  
Governor's Office

STEPHANIE (GARMAN) MAURER '72  
Deputy Auditor General

JOSEPH MILLER '74  
Director of Research  
House Republican Caucus

TIFFANY S. STRICKLER '03  
Pennsylvania Commission  
for Women

TROY THOMPSON '96  
Department of Labor & Industry



# Numa Snyder — *Teacher, Musician, Friend*

Alumni Weekend is always a great celebration but it won't quite be the same this June. Not without Numa Snyder.

Snyder passed away on December 21. The 1942 Mansfield graduate had become a fixture at Alumni Weekend, strolling from table to table with his violin at dinner gatherings, playing the alma mater on piano whenever needed and just holding court, telling stories and enjoying conversation with alumni of all ages.

He also served as a Mansfield ambassador at many events near his home in the Stroudsburg, PA area and across the state. He was an active member of the MU Alumni Association. Snyder was selected to the Music Honor Roll in recognition of his distinguished achievement in the profession of music and contribution to the heritage and tradition of excellence at Mansfield.

Snyder taught in the Stroudsburg public school system for 35 years.

John Pyle first met him when they both came to Mansfield in 1938. They graduated together, remained friends and were teaching colleagues in Stroudsburg for 30 years.

"He was probably the finest musician I ever worked with," Pyle said. "Great musician and great teacher."

"He was very well known in the Poconos," longtime friend Ada Mae Saxton '53 said. "He had a great reputation for motivating students. He taught a few of my cousins and got a lot of students involved in music, even getting football players to sing."

After retiring from the Stroudsburg School District, Snyder taught another 13 years at East Stroudsburg University, working with music education students. When he retired from ESU, he continued to host a weekly radio show on the campus radio station until this past summer. In 2000, Snyder was received the Conrad 'Skip' Idukas Service Award from the ESU Alumni Association.



Numa Snyder '42

For 30 years Snyder organized the orchestra and served as its first violinist and concertmaster for the annual holiday performance of The Messiah in Stroudsburg. This year's concert was performed in his memory.

"He was a very interesting guy," Saxton said. "He knew a lot about everything."

That was illustrated by the fact that Snyder was a harness racing aficionado, well known for spending many days at Stroudsburg area tracks and others around the state, but not to gamble.

In an interview with Harness Racing Insider in 2007, he said he just enjoyed the pleasure of watching the horses. "Harness horses are trained to trot or pace, not just to gallop," he said. "The beauty of the discipline — the swaying motion of the pacer — is what is especially beautiful to me. I just admire the ability of the horse to do that, and I also admire the ability of the person who trains the horse to do that."

Appreciating beauty in all of its forms was just one of the characteristics that made Numa Snyder so special to so many.

Many alumni and friends have contacted the University to ask how they can honor Snyder. With the announcement that Mansfield plans to become an "All-Steinway" School (see below), it has been suggested that contributions in his memory be directed to the initiative or to another music-related need. For more information contact Rebecca Bair, director of Development at (570)662-4294.

*Editor's Note: During Alumni Weekend '07, Nate Herring '08 interviewed Numa Snyder. To listen to that podcast go to [mansfield.edu/150/audio](http://mansfield.edu/150/audio)*

## MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY

### OUR FUTURE AS AN "ALL-STEINWAY" SCHOOL

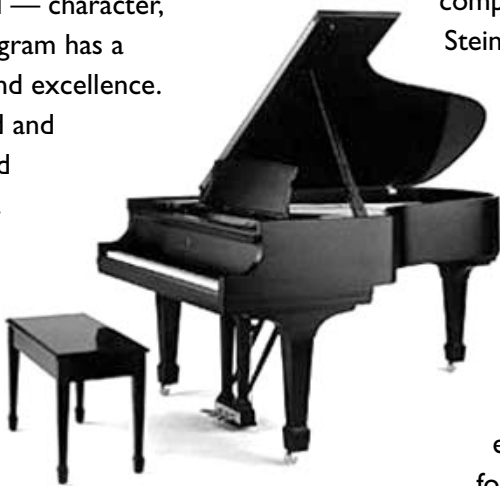
#### THE ALL-STEINWAY INITIATIVE

Exemplifying the values found in the University's creed — character, scholarship, culture, and service, Mansfield's music program has a strong foundation and tradition of talent, distinction and excellence. Over the past few decades, our program has recruited and produced some of the best musicians in the region and state — the list of accomplished music alumni is long.

Building on our foundation and tradition, Mansfield University is committed to continuing to provide ultimate learning and teaching environments for creative spirits of all kinds. In solidifying our commitment we are determined to ensure the very best resources for students and professors, including Steinway and Sons Pianos. Steinway symbolizes tradition and excellence throughout the country and the entire world. It is that same standard of excellence that we wish to sustain for future generations of our program.

#### MORE ON THE VISION

The All-Steinway School program requires participating schools to be equipped with Steinway pianos exclusively and to commit to a high level of care for each piano. The idea is to offer students and faculty the best instruments in the world. Students benefit in that they are prepared for the competitive environment in which they will develop careers in music, while faculty have the pleasure of making an artistic contribution that can only exist when talent and



quality instruments are combined. Upon completion of our pursuit to become an All-Steinway School, Mansfield will be equipped with more than eight Steinway pianos that will range from uprights in student practice rooms to concert grand pianos in Steadman Auditorium. All the pianos will be maintained by a full-time technician, certified by Steinway and Sons.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

The entire All-Steinway Initiative is expected to cost more than \$1 million — for the instrument purchases and for an endowment to provide for long-term continuous care, maintenance and eventual replacement.

Consider making a donation or pledging over time! Please consider a gift that will inspire and touch the lives of students for years to come. There are many ways to give and giving levels. You could contribute to the legacy by a direct gift or pledge to the endowment or sponsor the purchase of a piano along with other donors.

For more information on how you can help, please contact Rebecca Bair, director of Development, Mansfield University, 570.662.4294 or [rbair@mansfield.edu](mailto:rbair@mansfield.edu).



The Spangenberg family following Chris's presentation in February 2009. Christian Spangenberg, Chris Spangenberg '81 and Lisa Chipak Spangenberg '81.

## Mansfield University: It's All in the Family

The Spangenberg family has been very busy lately – organizing a MU alumni and friends party, speaking to a group of Mansfield students, attending an MU regional

admissions reception and preparing for their son's graduation from Mansfield University in May.

Chris Spangenberg '81 came to campus on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 and spoke to a crowd of more than 90 students, faculty and staff about his position and responsibilities as a Special Agent for the Environmental Protection Agency. "What my eyes have seen, my mouth cannot explain," said Chris as he described his experience recovering evidence following the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center. During his presentation, he displayed a slideshow, offered professional advice and provided his personal contact information to students interested in pursuing a career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Chris graduated from Mansfield in 1981 with a BA in Criminal Justice Administration.

Chris' wife, Lisa Chipak Spangenberg '81, recently helped plan an MU Alumni and Friends event held at Molly Brannigan's on Saturday, March 21, 2009 in Scranton, PA. In addition to presenting on campus and organizing the alumni and friends party, both Lisa and Chris attended Mansfield University's Scranton-area regional admissions reception on Wednesday, February 25, 2009. They met with potential students and their families and provided them with information about the personal experiences they had while they were students at MU and post-graduation. "I enjoy giving back to Mansfield University in any way that I can. I've done well in my life, and MU was a major contributor to that, as a starting point for me and my career," said Lisa who earned a BSW in Social Work in 1981.

Christian, Chris and Lisa's son, is a senior at Mansfield University majoring in Criminal Justice Administration and plans to graduate in May. With the assistance of his professors, he was instrumental in organizing his father's appearance and presentation on campus in February. "It is an affirmation like no other when your former students send their children to MU to become your current students – they invest in their children's education here because they know what we're doing and have experienced the quality of the program," said Dr. Edward Ryan, Professor of Criminal Justice Administration.

Mansfield University and the Alumni Relations office are grateful to the Spangenberg family and appreciate all that they do to move the University forward.

Do you have an interesting or unique way that you are spreading the word on your alma mater? If so, please contact the Alumni Relations Office (1-888-305-6505 or email [alumni2@mansfield.edu](mailto:alumni2@mansfield.edu)) and let us know what you are doing.

### Society of Honors Call for Nominations

Each year outstanding alumni achievements are recognized through the Society of Honors Program.

To nominate Mansfield University Alumni for the following award(s), please check the applicable category. Complete the form below and **attach a narrative** citing the basis for the nomination.

☐ **ALUMNI CITATION**

Recognizes outstanding achievements and contributions to society through professional, civic and philanthropic work and leadership activities.

☐ **ELSIE BURK SERVICE**

Acknowledges outstanding loyalty or service to Mansfield University.

☐ **DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR**

Recognizes outstanding teacher, principal or administrator, for service and dedication to education.

☐ **OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI**

Given for outstanding professional performance, achievements and leadership to alumni who have graduated in the last 25 years.

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MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY, MANSFIELD, PA 16933

Questions? 570-662-4390

## MU Alumni & Friends Reunite in West Chester, PA

Mansfield University alumni and friends gathered on Saturday, February 21, 2009 for a fun-filled day in West Chester, PA. Beginning at 1p.m., MU alumni and friends cheered on Mansfield University's women's and men's basketball teams as they competed against West Chester University. Despite the tough loss to WCU, more than 40 Mansfield University alumni and friends enjoyed their evening at the exclusive post-game party at Barnaby's Restaurant. "It was great meeting fellow Mansfield University alumni and reminiscing about the good old days at Mansfield. I can't wait for the next one!" said Fred Gaskins '71, who attended the event.

After guests enjoyed the tasty buffet, Director of Alumni Relations Denise Berg recognized MU alumni Jon Peterson '58 and Edward



MU on the Road in West Chester – MU alumni pose with one of the most sought-after door prizes - a MU Alumni tee shirt. Charlie Phillips '79, Dave McKeon '78, Pam McCardell '79, Barb King '78, Tom Malos '89, Tim June '78, Allen Heist '76, Philip Owen '88, Ken Arnold '79.



Daniel Minger '07, Ed Cornell '08, Mike Conaway '08 and Marisa Szyal '08 get caught up during the after-party at Barnaby's.

Cornell '08, noting the 50-year span between their graduation years. Coach Miller and Coach Henderson provided some post-game commentary and the evening commenced with a prize drawing of MU-logo items.

For more information on upcoming alumni and friends events, please visit the MU Alumni & Friends website: [mansfield.edu/alumni](http://mansfield.edu/alumni).



# Wanda Stroud to Speak at Spring Commencement

Wanda (Storms) Stroud '83, chief operating officer and secretary of the Board of Directors of Golden State Medical Supply, Inc. (GSMS), will be the speaker at Mansfield University's 144th Commencement on Saturday, May 2 at 11 a.m. at Karl Van Norman Field.

"Wanda Stroud is a leader in the truest sense of the word," MU President Maravene Loeschke said in making the announcement. "Her great story of personal and professional success and perseverance is the kind that we want our graduates to hear. Wanda and her husband Jim are great supporters of Mansfield and we are honored to have Wanda speak at our Commencement."

After earning her B.S. in clothing and textiles, Stroud enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served a four year commitment as a Wing Historian. As researcher, journalist, writer, photographer, and communicator, she was responsible for producing a quarterly classified history document about the military unit. She also completed an associate's degree in public affairs from the Community College of the Air Force.

After completing her Air Force commitment, Stroud took a position in employee communications with the Walt Disney Company in Burbank, CA from 1988-1989 and the Disney Store Home Base in Glendale, CA from 1989-1995.

Stroud and her husband Jim met at Mansfield in 1981 and reconnected three years later when they were both assigned to the same Air Force base. They celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this December.

Jim Stroud founded GSMS in 1986 under the guidance of a pharmacist. GSMS has served in the pharmaceutical industry for 23 years, originally as a regional wholesaler. Today it is a packager registered with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) standards.

Since joining GSMS in 1995, Stroud has been a decision maker in day-to-day operations and has had hands-on experience in all departments. Her most notable achievements were the re-invention of the corporate brand in 1996 and the marketing launch and creation of a new product line. Together, the Strouds have guided the business to its most successful year with gross sales of \$130 million.

Stroud recently completed a B.A. in photography at the Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, CA and chose this mid-life pursuit to fuel her creativity. Her photos were included in the Best of College Photography Annual in 2002.

The Strouds have been very involved in a number of charities, donating their time to causes such as the Run/Walk for Women, TreePeople, Starlight Foundation, Easter Seal Society, the Foundation for the Junior Blind, Permanent Charities, Earthwalk, Project Literacy, AIDS Walk, March of Dimes Walk America and Special Olympics.

In 2001, Stroud received the Alumni Citation Award from the MU Alumni Association. The award recognizes contributions to society through professional, civic and philanthropic work.

In the event of inclement weather, Commencement will take place in Decker Gymnasium.



Wanda Stroud '83



# Jim Glimm Memorial Concert Set

The ninth annual Jim Glimm Memorial Concert will be held on Saturday, May 2, 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre at Mansfield University. The concert will feature several groups, including the Cherry Flats Ridge Pluckers.

The evening is in memory of James York Glimm, MU professor of English, who died of cancer in August 2000. Glimm was a folklore scholar whose two books, *Flatlanders & Ridgerunners* and *Snakebite*, collected folktales from around north central Pennsylvania. Glimm played banjo and sang songs he found throughout the region. He played with several groups and influenced many more.

Glimm was a charter member of the Cherry Flats Ridge Pluckers, which started as a group of friends playing around the campfire at Bucky Green's ranch on the hill overlooking Cherry Flats. The old-time dance band is known for their lively dance tunes along with their bluegrass, folk and Irish vocal tunes. In 1997 they were asked to play for a local festival and the band was formed.

The group now consists of Bruce Smith from Cherry Flats on guitar, John O'Donnell from Cherry Flats on the dog-house bass, Wanda Irion from Wellsboro on fiddle, Ron Markell from Bungy on claw-hammer banjo.

Admission is a \$5 per person at the door. All proceeds go to the Jim Glimm Memorial Scholarship Fund.



# Legacy Society

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  - Retained Life Estate (Personal Residence)
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  - Charitable Gift Annuities
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# PAB Provides Funds to Enhance Broadcasting Program

The Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters (PAB) founded the "Educational Fund" in 2006 and invited all PAB members, Pennsylvania colleges, universities and technical schools with a broadcast curriculum or broadcast license to submit grant proposals. In both 2006 and in 2007, Mansfield University received grant awards from PAB.

Gary McIntyre, lead writer for the grants, along with Charles Hoy and James Lohrey, stated that the funding significantly assisted in purchasing a variety of new equipment and materials for WNTE, the student radio station, and the broadcasting studios. The equipment will bring these studios more in line with broadcast industry standards and will benefit broadcast students for years to come. The Department of Communication & Theatre offers a communications degree with a broadcasting emphasis and courses devoted to instruction in broadcast production.

The Department received a \$3,000 grant award in 2006, a \$6,000 grant in 2007 which the university matched with \$4,000, and a \$7,800 award in 2008. The 2008 funding provided the opportunity to purchase equipment to update the two Butler Center audio center studios where Audio Production, Television and Radio Announcing and Introduction to Mass Media are taught. Students create audio projects in these studios.

The audio consoles in each studio were over two decades old. The microphones in each studio were also outdated. The grant money went for the purchase of two new Harris digital/analog audio consoles, two Electro-Voice RE-20 broadcast quality microphones, and two Marantz CD recorders to record student projects.



Gary McIntyre (seated) works with students Stephen Stefan (left) and Jesse Moore (right) in the Butler Center studio

Commenting on the award, McIntyre said, "The broadcasting students are excited about the changes in the Butler studios. The new technology enables the students to produce more quality-sounding projects. The department appreciates the efforts of the PAB to further the education of broadcasting students statewide and the generous funds which have been granted to Mansfield. We also appreciate the support of the University for providing the matching funds and their recognition to improve our program."



Christina Fry '90

# Student Teacher Training Expanded

For years Mansfield University has enlisted the help of APL Associates to provide two-day training on classroom management for Education students during their semester of student teaching. The two days of APL programming has offered excellent "capstone" training, and the feedback from student teachers and teachers and administrators at area school districts has been highly positive. Feedback indicated that if funding were available participants would prefer the full five-day training program.

In an effort to make this possible, graduate assistant **Kathryn Boyer '07**, working in the Grants Development Office, teamed up with **Christina Fry '90**, Educational Field Experiences Coordinator.

Boyer and Fry worked together to submit a proposal for the five-day APL training program, which was funded by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Faculty Professional Development Council, giving Mansfield University additional money needed to support the full training program and to assess student, faculty and cooperating teachers' reactions.

The Office of the Provost provided funds as well.

Education majors who are student teaching during the spring '09 semester are the first to receive the full five-day training. Seventy-six students have participated so far.

"I really feel like I'm more equipped for the classroom," Noell Haldeman said after the training. "The five day APL training has allowed me to grow as a teacher and as an individual," Ashly Weidner added.

When asked about the response to the new program, Project Director Christina Fry said, "Students have responded very favorably to the first two sessions of APL, and they are looking forward to the final three days. Since student teaching is a time when pre-service teachers have a strong need for learning effective teaching strategies and when they can immediately apply what they learn, the five day workshop embedded within the student teaching semester will enhance students' knowledge and skills in the vitally important curricular areas of classroom instruction and classroom management."

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## Football to Play Full Schedule and Bowl Game This Fall

Mansfield University will join the Collegiate Sprint Football League (CSFL) as a full-member this fall.

MU was a probationary program in 2008, playing a modified four game schedule against CSFL teams, posting a 1-3 record.

Mansfield is the first school to be awarded full membership in the CSFL since Columbia joined the league in 1955. The league membership is now comprised of Cornell University, Mansfield University, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, the United States Military Academy at West Point (Army) and the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis (Navy).

"The CSFL is excited to have Mansfield University become a full member of the League and compete for the League championship," CSFL Commissioner Steve Erber said. "Mansfield's rich and long standing football tradition will add to the already significant history and traditions of sprint football. We are very pleased to have them join the CSFL."

The Mountaineers will open the 2009 season at home against Princeton on September 19 and host Cornell on for the Fabulous 1890s Weekend and Family Day on September 26.

MU travels to Franklin Field in Philadelphia to take on the University of Pennsylvania on October 2 before returning home to host CSFL defending champion Navy for Homecoming on October 10.

Mansfield will then travel to Saratoga Springs, NY on October 17 to play Army in the fifth annual Allegiance Bowl in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Sponsored by Adirondack Trust, the Allegiance Bowl is the only college bowl game featuring teams from the CSFL.

The final two games of the season will be at Princeton on October 23 and at Cornell on October 30.



Quarterback Danny Moss

## Academic Honors for Field Hockey and Women's Cross-Country

The 2008 Mansfield University field hockey team was named a Division II National Academic Team by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA).

The award comes after the Mansfield field hockey team placed first in the country in academic performance during the 2007 season.

The NFHCA considers National Academic Teams to be those which maintain an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher (out of a possible 4.0) during the semester in which the team competes.

19 Division II teams were given All-Academic honors during the 2008 season, including seven from the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC).

Rebekah Brown, Laura Carden, Courtney Grunza, Shana Markwis, Shantee Proctor, Jaimie Purdy, Jordan Rishel and Jessie Wolski were recognized as National Academic Squad members for their individual academic performance during the 2008 season. These players achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher through the 2008 field hockey season.

Carden, Markwis, and Proctor are each four-year award recipients.

The 2008 women's cross-country team posted the fourth-highest team grade point average in the nation according the United States Track and Field & Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

Mansfield, which compiled the third-highest team grade point average during the 2007 season, recorded a 3.67 (out of a possible 4.0) during the 2008 fall semester.

The USTFCCCA awards All-Academic Team honors to any team that achieves a 3.0 or better during the semester in which they compete.

In 2008, 98 NCAA Division II women's cross country programs achieved that milestone.

Mansfield's 2008 women's cross country team consisted of Christyna Cain, Brittney Capsello, Michelle Clarke, Clarissa Correll, Brenae Edwards,



2008 Women's Cross-Country Team



2008 Women's Field Hockey Team

Christine Gillies, Sarah Groat, Kelly Hollenbeck, Ryan Kelly, Tricia Learn, Sarah Lonzi, Irene Primmer, Tricia Rumsey, Sara Vivona and Jessica Wagner.

Mansfield also led the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, which had 11 teams awarded All-Academic Team honors, the most of any conference in the nation.

Get the latest news, scores and schedules at [www.GoMounties.com](http://www.GoMounties.com)



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April

- 3-D Paper Vessels, Raphaela McCormack University Gallery (*runs through May 4*)
- 16 Jazz Festival Vocal Concert, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 17 Jazz Festival Instrumental Concert, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 18 Symphonic Band, Steadman Theatre, 3 p.m.  
Concert Choir, Steadman Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Symphony Orchestra, Steadman Theatre, 3 p.m.
- 21 Guitar Ensemble, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.

May

- 2 Commencement, Van Norman Field, 11 a.m.
- 6 Graduating Art Students Show, University Gallery (*runs through August 20*)
- 27 Council of Trustees Meeting, North Hall Community Room, 4 p.m.

June

- 12-13 Alumni Weekend

July

- 22 Council of Trustees Meeting, North Hall Community Room, 11 a.m.

August

- 28 Convocation, Straughn Hall, 12 p.m.
- 31 Fall Semester Classes Begin

September

- 7 Labor Day-No Classes
- 25-26 Fabulous 1890s Weekend
- 26 Parents & Family Day

October

- 9-11 Homecoming
- 19-20 Fall Holiday-No Classes

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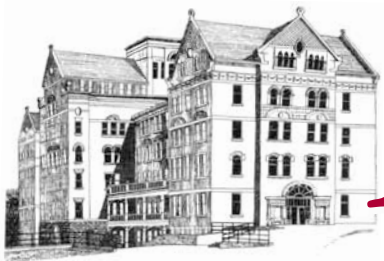
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## Collecting Data & Memories Abroad

This fall, **Denise Seigart** will be back at Mansfield teaching in the nursing department, but she will have many new stories to share from her sabbatical year spent in Australia and Canada — from dust storms and poisonous snakes, to the differences between health care systems.

Seigart, who has her MS in nursing from Binghamton University and her PhD in Human Service Studies from Cornell University, received a visiting professor fellowship at Charles Sturt University in Australia where she spent Fall 2008 conducting research on health care in the schools.

Her doctoral research examined the difference between school based health care, where a nurse practitioner is available to treat students, and the traditional model, where only a school nurse is on site. There are very few school based health care centers in the U.S., and most can be found in inner cities like the ones she studied in Binghamton, NY.

Her research convinced Seigart that, if the goal is community health care, the school based model is the best way to reach families as a whole. "Not every community has a hospital or senior center," Seigart says, "but every community has a school, and by making it a locus of health care it can become a comprehensive community center."

But why go to Australia to do more research? Mansfield has a long-standing relationship with Charles Sturt University, which Seigart knew from her friend Monique Oyallon, a professor in the Department of English and Modern Languages who has directed the study abroad program. "I once helped Monique by picking up an Australian exchange student from the bus station. She was a nursing student, and talking to her I got the idea of studying approaches to school health care in countries with socialized medicine."

The campus Seigart stayed at was in Wagga Wagga, between Sydney and Melbourne on the western side of the mountains at the edge of the outback. The town's name means "many crows" in the aboriginal language. "'Wagga' means crow," she explains, "and in their language you repeat something to show it's plural. And there were a lot of crows."

There was also a lot of dust. Storms would frequently turn the whole sky orange, and leave an orange dusting behind. There were palm trees too—something she hadn't expected. "It was like Florida in winter," describes Seigart, "but much drier."

Seigart did no teaching there, though she did give a video-conference presentation on her research that was broadcast to the five campuses. Her time was spent doing 30 interviews of



Denise Seigart visiting Mansfield, Australia.

nurses, teachers, and community leaders involved with school health and visiting schools, hospitals and community clinics. Health care in Australia is a mix of public and private plans. Children are covered at the basic level so all children get treatment. People earning over a certain amount are required to buy private insurance too.

The differences between the U.S. and Australia were significant. "It's fascinating when it comes to school based health care in Australia because they don't do it," Seigart recounts. Their school nurses visit but aren't on site daily. They are in charge of vaccinations and assessing any infectious disease situation, and sometimes sex education classes. "Many nurses comment that all they seem to do is vaccinate children." Teachers are expected to recognize illness in children and to know a child's health deficits, such as epilepsy or allergies. Secretaries often administer the medications.

Both teachers and secretaries have little or no medical training and are already overburdened with their primary responsibilities, Seigart observes. "Australia has a wonderful public health plan, but they aren't utilizing their nurses well."

After her research was done, Seigart's husband, Bill, came over and they traveled around Australia and New Zealand. "We rented a hippie van which we slept in while hiking, birding, and watching wildlife," she says. "Often we froze our tushies off." On one hike Seigart almost stepped on a poisonous black tiger snake. She stopped quickly and her husband bumped into her. ("He's a birder—he looks up," she explains). Luckily she held her ground.

Magpies, a black and white relative of the crow, also provided some memorable experiences. They had a lot of nests in the woods between the residence halls and the classroom buildings in Wagga Wagga, and it was breeding season when they are very protective and will dive bomb anyone who comes too close. "It was fun watching the students walk down the hill to class with ice cream buckets on their head," laughs Seigart. "Once one got me good too, right in the back of the head."

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## FROM THE EDITOR

*To quote Bob Dylan, the times they are a changing.*

And so is *The Mansfieldian*.

In an effort to serve you more efficiently, to become more environmentally friendly, and to work with shrinking budgets, we will begin transitioning *The Mansfieldian* to the Web. It won't happen overnight, but we are looking at ways to begin the transition soon.

Switching to the Web offers many advantages, including faster news service, more photos and eventually even audio and video. Denise Berg and Tracey Dukert in the Alumni Office are working on an online community which will eventually connect most of our 23,000 alumni. The online *Mansfieldian* will fit into that community.

We realize that a number of our alumni do not have access to computers and for awhile we will continue to mail out an abbreviated paper version of *The Mansfieldian*.

You can help us by letting us know if you need to keep receiving paper copies.

You can send an email to [letters@mansfield.edu](mailto:letters@mansfield.edu) or send a note via mail to: Terry Day, North Hall 521, Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA 16933.

Terry Day, Editor

## MU on the Road – Up and Down the East Coast

During the spring of 2009, Mansfield University alumni and friends gathered in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Florida to share memories and create new ones as part of the "MU on the Road" program.



MU alumni from the Baltimore, MD region gather at Lucy's Irish Pub on March 23, 2009. From left: Jiggs McHale '59, John Quashnoc '70, Kathryn Fanus Arnold '74, Caroline Finkle Zatyko '85, Kenneth Zatyko '86, Jack Mason '60 and Roberta Mason (Alumni in attendance, but not pictured: Kurt Hider '76 and Christopher Ndumu '85).

Lisa Chipak Spangenberg '81 and Marirose Murphy '79 hosted a MU alumni and friends party on Saturday, March 21 at Molly Brannigan's Irish Pub & Restaurant in Scranton, PA. More than 40 alumni and friends attended the party which featured appetizers, a live band, and a raffle that raised over \$250 for the MU student emergency fund.

MU alumni and friends from the Baltimore, MD region joined together with alumni from other Pennsylvania State System schools at Lucy's Irish Pub on Monday, March 23. Approximately 70 alumni and friends attended the event, which was sponsored in part by Liberty Mutual Insurance.

Donna Congdon Mokrzynski '55 and Don Stanton '53 organized an MU alumni and friends luncheon held in Sarasota, FL on March 28. More than 20 alumni and friends, with graduation years spanning over 44 years (from 1950-1994), enjoyed a delicious lunch at Libby's and spent a sunny Saturday afternoon together.



Sarasota area alumni enjoy an afternoon at Libby's on March 28. **Seated:** Helene Trimborn Messner '64, Donna Congdon Mokrzynski '55, Dorothy McCabe Gordon '54, Mary Jones Rodine '50 and Barbara Crippen '78. **Standing:** Julia Wertz Googins '53, Bill Messner '64, Don Stanton '53, Irene Pierce Jurnack '63, Robert Rodine '52, Pauline Richards Wood '61, Dorothy Quinn Orme Scaggs '74, Jay Riley '94, Alan Crippen '69 and Tom Allis '57 (Not pictured, Sandra Barton '69).

On Saturday, June 6, alumni and friends gathered for the 3rd annual "Billtown Bash" at the Cell Block in Williamsport, PA. Attendees enjoyed food, raffles, door prizes and live entertainment as they danced the night away. Host Tony Confer '97 said, "This year's reunion was the best yet - more than 100 MU alumni and friends from six states attended - creating new friendships and strengthening our existing alumni bond." Tentative plans for next year's bash include a Susquehanna river cruise.

For more information on upcoming alumni and friends events, please visit the MU Alumni & Friends website: [mansfield.edu/alumni](http://mansfield.edu/alumni). Thank you to our alumni hosts for organizing, promoting and hosting these regional alumni get-togethers!



Mansfield University alumni and friends take over Molly Brannigan's Irish Pub & Restaurant in Scranton, PA on March 21. "There ain't no party like a Scranton party!"

## You Can Find Us on the Web

THE MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION is pleased to announce its presence on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. Read on to learn how these web-based social networking communities can provide a fun and easy way to get connected and stay connected with the university and each other.

**Facebook** is a free social networking website where users have the opportunity to connect with friends and join groups organized by schools, regions, businesses and organizations, providing users with the opportunity to meet, connect and interact with people around the world. Now you can connect with the Mansfield University Alumni Association on Facebook and view event photos, chat with fellow alumni, learn about what's happening on campus and much more. If you are not currently a member of Facebook, you can register for a free account by visiting [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com). If you are already a member, we invite you to join the Mansfield University Alumni Association group by visiting [www.facebook.com/mansfield.alum](http://www.facebook.com/mansfield.alum).

**Twitter** is a free micro-blogging service that enables users to post up to 140 characters viewable by the public. These posts, referred to as "tweets", can be updated as frequently as desired and typically feature the answer to one simple question, "What are you doing right now?" Read the MU Alumni Association's tweets and find out what we're doing by visiting [twitter.com/mansfieldalumni](http://twitter.com/mansfieldalumni).

They say it's all about who you know. Reconnect and network with those you knew while a student at Mansfield or those you met at Alumni Weekend by joining the Mansfield University Alumni Association on **LinkedIn**, an online community made for people to share their professional identity. Users can create their own free profile by going to [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com). Get linked in to the Mansfield University Alumni Association today by visiting: [www.linkedin.com/in/mansfieldalumni](http://www.linkedin.com/in/mansfieldalumni).

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Wanda Stroud '83

## 144th Commencement Celebrated

Four hundred and twenty-two students received degrees at Mansfield University's 144th Commencement on May 2 at Karl Van Norman Field.

Wanda (Storms) Stroud, chief operating officer and secretary of the Board of Directors of Golden State Medical Supply, Inc. (GSMS) and a 1983 Mansfield graduate, was the guest speaker.

To read the full text of Stroud's speech, check online at [news.mansfield.edu/media/files/Wanda\\_Stroud\\_Commencement\\_Speech\\_050209.pdf](http://news.mansfield.edu/media/files/Wanda_Stroud_Commencement_Speech_050209.pdf). Tasha Buffington of Millersburg, PA was named this year's Outstanding Senior. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish.

A collage of Commencement pictures is available at the MU YouTube site at [youtube.com/MansfieldUniversity](http://youtube.com/MansfieldUniversity).

Before they walk across the stage to receive their diplomas, MU's newest graduates heard words of encouragement and advice on finding success from someone who was in their place 14 years ago.

"How you use the knowledge you've learned here at Mansfield will truly be the test of your success," Rob Weigand told the crowd at the annual Graduation Celebration.

A 1995 MU graduate, Weigand was the guest speaker for the annual event held on May 1. He is the manager of special projects for the ABC Television Network.

To listen to Weigand's entire speech, check online at [podcast.mansfield.edu](http://podcast.mansfield.edu).

To read more about Commencement and the Graduation Celebration, check online on the News and Information page at [mansfield.edu](http://mansfield.edu).



## New Bill Adds to GI Benefits

If you're a veteran, now's the best time to look at earning your degree at MU. The new GI Bill has been called the best education benefit for veterans since World War 2.

"Thousands of veterans are entering a depressed economy," said Brian Barden, executive director of Enrollment Services. "With the added benefits of the new GI Bill, now is the perfect time for them to earn their undergraduate or graduate degree."

The Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or persons discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You have to have an honorable discharge to be eligible.

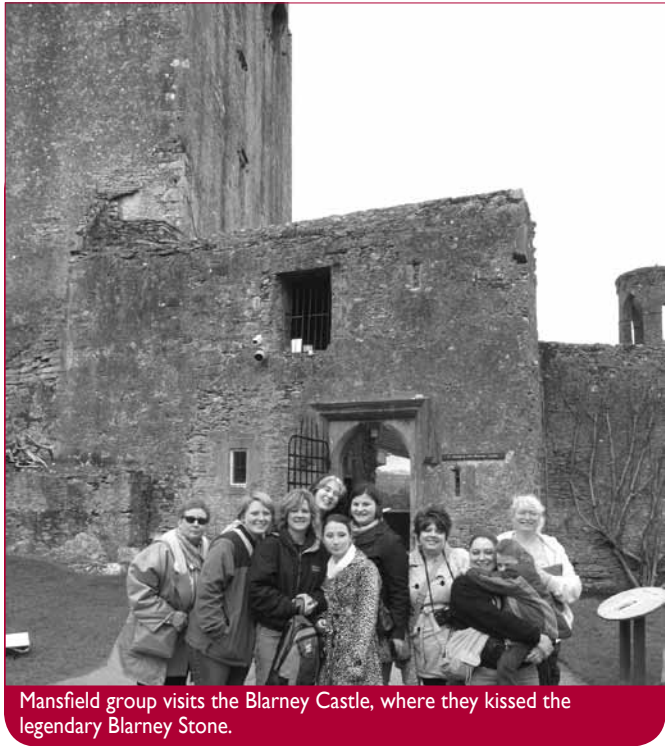
To learn more, visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov). or the MU website at <http://admissions.mansfield.edu/planning/>.

You can also watch interviews with Chris Vaughn, director of new student financial aid, and Tom Walker, VA Liaison on the Mansfield University Youtube site. The shows are located in "Conversations with Dennis Miller."

## A Break for History Buffs

Forty one MU students, faculty, staff and family members travelled to Ireland and Northern Ireland over spring break in March.

Sponsored by the MU History Club and led by Associate Professor of History Shawndra Holderby, the group found a mixture of Irish culture and history on this trip.



Mansfield group visits the Blarney Castle, where they kissed the legendary Blarney Stone.

"The students got to kiss the Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle, see the natural beauty of the Cliffs of Mohr and the Giant's Causeway and experience an evening of traditional Irish music and dance," Holderby said. "The students were able to experience Irish history in a very personal way."

While in Northern Ireland, the MU group studied the artistic murals in both Catholic and Protestant neighborhoods that depict the violence that paralyzed the country for years and mourn those who died in the troubles. "Our students were struck by both the artistic merit of these murals and the very recent violence and peace that they reflect," Holderby said.

Plans are underway for a trip to Paris and Normandy next spring.



The Mansfield group takes in the sites in Ireland.

## Society of Honors Call for Nominations

Each year outstanding alumni achievements are recognized through the Society of Honors Program.

To nominate Mansfield University Alumni for the following award(s), please check the applicable category. Complete the form below and **attach a narrative** citing the basis for the nomination.

### ☐ **ALUMNI CITATION**

Recognizes outstanding achievements and contributions to society through professional, civic and philanthropic work and leadership activities.

### ☐ **ELSIE BURK SERVICE**

Acknowledges outstanding loyalty or service to Mansfield University.

### ☐ **DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR**

Recognizes outstanding teacher, principal or administrator, for service and dedication to education.

### ☐ **OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI**

Given for outstanding professional performance, achievements and leadership to alumni who have graduated in the last 25 years.

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# Society of Honors

Each year the Alumni Association honors alumni for outstanding achievements in four categories. Awards are presented during a special luncheon held annually on Alumni Weekend. If you know of a deserving alumnus, please use the nomination form on page 3, the online form available on the Alumni website at [mansfield.edu/alumni/society-of-honors-awards](http://mansfield.edu/alumni/society-of-honors-awards) or contact Denise Berg, director of alumni relations at [dberg@mansfield.edu](mailto:dberg@mansfield.edu) or 570-662-4853. This year's honorees are:

## The Alumni Citation Award (Est. 1969)

**BRIGADIER GENERAL FRANCIS HENDRICKS '79.** The Alumni Citation Award recognizes contributions to society through professional, civic, and philanthropic work and leadership activities. While a dean's list student at Mansfield, Francis Hendricks was a Resident Assistant and was involved in numerous campus organizations. He served as president of the Student Government Association and was named Greek Man of the Year for Lambda Chi Alpha in 1979. He graduated in 1979 as a double major, receiving a BA in Criminal Justice Administration and in Political Science. Hendricks went on to earn his MS in Systems Management from the University of Southern California in 1984, as well as a MS equivalent from the Air Command and Staff College in 1992 and a MS in National Security Strategy from Air War College in 2000. Upon graduating from Mansfield, Hendricks followed in his father's footsteps by joining the military and was competitively selected into the US. Air Force. He served in the Pacific, Europe and numerous stateside assignments; including three assignments at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Hendricks was hand-picked by the Secretary of the Air Force to lead a study that serves as a road map for the operational, organizational and technological design of future Air Force Bases. He has commanded at every level, including Installation Commander for the U.S. Department of Defense's largest military installation, Eglin Air Force Base, located in Florida. Hendricks is currently serving as the Deputy Commanding General for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, providing for the needs of 11.6 million authorized patrons. He is responsible for 45,000 associates and 3,100 stores in 30 different countries, across 5 U.S. territories and 49 states. Hendricks participates in community service activities and has coached youth sports for more than 15 years. In 2000 he was the recipient of the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, signifying his commitment to community service and youth activities. He has received numerous awards for his service and leadership including the National Defense Service Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal. Hendricks has instituted key programs to assist in the rehabilitation of wounded soldiers returning from Afghanistan and Iraq. He holds the rank of Brigadier General and has been on active duty since April of 1980, with more than 29 years of service defending the United States of America. Hendricks and his wife, Connie, have two children, Andrew and Stephanie, and reside in Fairfax Station, VA.

## The Elsie Burk Service Award (Est. 1983)

**KAREN STARNER JACOBSON '69 '86.** The Elsie Burk Service Award recognizes outstanding leadership, loyalty and service to Mansfield University. Karen Jacobson's experiences as a student at Mansfield helped prepare her for a future filled with service and learning. While a student at MU, she joined several campus organizations, participated in leadership and philanthropic activities and was recognized as a member of Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. Jacobson's involvement in one particular organization while a student at MU, the Delta Zeta sorority, has remained constant throughout the years. After graduating from Mansfield in 1969 with a BA in Music, Jacobson was asked to become the College Chapter Director of Mansfield's Delta Zeta sorority in 1971. She continues to hold the title of College Chapter Director for the sorority today, marking over 38 years in the position. Jacobson was recently recognized for this accomplishment by Delta Zeta National as the only Chapter Director in history to hold such tenure. She has mentored students through times of prosperity and hardship, and has had a direct impact on the lives of over 700 Mansfield University women as a dedicated advisor, teacher, coach and mentor. Jacobson served on the Mansfield University Alumni Board from 1989 through 1992, and was a member of



Karen Starner Jacobson accepts the Elsie Burke Service Award from MU President Maravene Loeschke.

the Undergraduate Scholarship Selection Committee. She has volunteered for the annual MU Phonathon, served as a class agent for the Class of 1969, and has participated in the MU College Community Chorus and Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity. Jacobson has guest-lectured at MU for multiple business, economics, audio-visual and management classes, as well as for freshman orientation. She earned a BS in Business Administration from MU in 1986 and has attended 41 of the past 44 Homecoming Weekends. Jacobson's professional career was in the banking industry, where she earned a diploma from the PBA School of Banking at Bucknell University in 1981. She retired in 2005 from First Citizens National Bank in Mansfield after 35 years of service. She resides in Covington, PA with her husband Charles, who graduated from Mansfield University in 1968.

## The Distinguished Educator Award (Est. 1986)

**RANDY ROBERTS '72.** The Distinguished Educator Award recognizes outstanding service, dedication and leadership to education. Randy Roberts' passion for teaching and learning history led him to graduate from Mansfield in three years, receiving a BA in Liberal Arts; History in 1972. While a student at Mansfield, he became a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon. He went on to earn his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University in 1978. Roberts began his teaching career at the University of Houston, and then went on to teach at Sam Houston State University, University of Maryland and LSU. Since 1988, Roberts has been teaching at Purdue University where he is recognized as a distinguished professor. He teaches American history courses, including modern American history and World War II, to about 500 students a semester. His smaller lectures and seminars, which include topics ranging from sports history to film icons, have left both undergraduates and graduates passionate about history long after they earned their degrees. Roberts participates in the Dean's Freshman Scholar Program and the Honors Program, and also mentors graduate students. He was named one of Purdue's Charles B. Murphy Outstanding Teachers in 1991, which is the institution's highest honor for undergraduate teaching. He was recognized by the Society of Professional Journalists in 1993, was named Teacher of the Year in Liberal Arts in 1997, and was inducted into Purdue's Great Book of Teachers in 2003. Roberts was recognized as the 2006 Indiana Professor of the Year, administered by both the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Judges select recipients of this prestigious award based on extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching, with nominations containing testimonials from students, professors and administrators. In addition to teaching and authoring or co-authoring more than 18 books, Roberts has also made over 50 television appearances as a history commentator for documentaries and films on the History Channel, ESPN Classic, HBO, PBS, the three major television networks, and he is often quoted on nationally syndicated radio shows. Roberts returned to Mansfield in 2007 as the first speaker in the North Hall Library Visiting Scholar Program. He and his wife, Marjorie, reside in Lafayette, IN. They have twin daughters, Alison and Kelly.

## The Outstanding Young Alumni Award (Est. 1986)

**ROBERT CHRISTIE '92.** The Outstanding Young Alumni Award is given for outstanding professional performance, achievements and leadership to those who have graduated in the last 25 years. While a student at Mansfield, Robert Christie was a news reporter for the campus newspaper, The Flashlight, and president of Mansfield's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA.) He graduated from Mansfield in 1992 with a BA in Mass Communication and began his career at the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS). He served in a variety of media relations and public relations positions, including managing editor for a 13,000 member newsletter, NATAS News, and editorial assistant for NATAS's journal, Television Quarterly. In 1997, Christie became a senior account director for Goodman Media. He managed the firm's corporate accounts, including CBS, NBC and PBS, as well as several Fortune 500 companies. From 1999 to 2003, Christie worked in corporate communications at SONY Electronics, running the company's business-to-business public relations function. Christie was named director of Corporate Communications at Dow Jones & Company in New York in 2003 and was promoted to Vice President of Communications in December of 2007. As the senior communications executive, he is responsible for directing all brand, executive and crisis communications for the company's consumer businesses based world-wide. He has developed content-sharing partnerships with Good Morning America, ABC News, NPR and ESPN, and was responsible for directing the communications strategy for the acquisition of CBSMarketWatch.com and the launches of The Wall Street Journal Weekend Edition as well as the redesigned Journal. In December of 2007, Christie was selected as one of the top 40 public relations executives in the U.S. under the age of 40 by PR Week magazine, the leading trade magazine for public relations professionals. Recipients were nominated by industry leaders for demonstrating innovative thinking, strong determination and for achieving tremendous results before turning 40 years old. Christie resides in Manhattan.



# Alumni Volunteers Provide Personal Perspective

Over the past year, alumni volunteers shared their personal MU story with potential students by joining forces with the Mansfield University alumni and admissions staff. Alumni participated in numerous college fairs and receptions, the annual postcard campaign, high school scholarship presentations and the Career Center’s “What can I do in the field of...?” program. By sharing their first-hand experiences and spreading the good word on their alma mater, alumni play a vital role in the recruitment of quality students to Mansfield University. “The success of our recruitment efforts is positively enhanced by the participation of alumni volunteers and this year the support of our alumni reached new heights. Teamwork is what it’s all about, and the joint effort of our alumni and the admissions staff was first-rate. We are truly grateful to have the assistance of such loyal and enthusiastic MU grads,” said Casey Murphy Wood ’02. Wood is an Assistant Director of Admissions at Mansfield University and helped coordinate many of the volunteer programs.

Alumni participation provides a rewarding experience for alumni and helps set Mansfield apart from other schools for the potential students who are involved in the college search process. The admissions and alumni office staff extend their gratitude to MU alumni who participated in and supported the following volunteer programs. The donation of time, energy and expertise is greatly appreciated.

**Regional Recruitment Receptions** provide alumni with the opportunity to assist at admissions receptions in their local community. While Admissions team members lead the program, alumni interact with potential students and their families, sharing their personal experiences and memories. Nikki Ruth Tobias ’03 told the MU Alumni Relations office, “Volunteering for Mansfield University means a lot to me. It’s exciting to hear about what’s going on at MU and it’s a lot of fun to meet students who are interested in attending Mansfield. I enjoy giving back to the place that gave so much to me.”

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| <b>ARNOT MALL (NY)</b><br>Bev Wilber Evans '69 '71M                                                                                                                       | <b>KING OF PRUSSIA</b><br>Barb King '78<br>Jeff Lucash '89<br>Anthony Reisinger '92                                      | <b>SAYRE</b><br>Bev Wilber Evans '69 '71M<br>Harland Evans '64 '69M                                                                                                               |
| <b>BETHLEHEM</b><br>Dana Peters Huber '01<br>Ryan Manning '00<br>Laura McCloud '04<br>Richard Miller '84                                                                  | <b>LANCASTER</b><br>George Beyer '58<br>Jim Kimmel '83<br>Joline Spencer '08                                             | <b>SCRANTON</b><br>Kelly Carey '92<br>Lori Duffy '02<br>Pam Palka Kahn '78<br>Marirose Murphy '79<br>Fred Rosetti '70<br>Christian Spangenberg '81<br>Lisa Chipak Spangenberg '81 |
| <b>BROOME COUNTY (NY)</b><br>Nicole Bradley '04                                                                                                                           | <b>LEWISBURG</b><br>Carol Himmelreich Brann '60<br>Nikki Ruth Tobias '03<br>Brian Ulmer '05<br>Stephanie Adams Ulmer '04 | <b>WILLIAMSPORT</b><br>Mary Ann Abate Bauer '76<br>Amy DuPree Brooks '80<br>Brian Ulmer '05<br>Stephanie Adams Ulmer '04                                                          |
| <b>HARRISBURG</b><br>George Beyer '58<br>Susan Bogart '91<br>Joyce Cal '94<br>Paula Ferry Lisenby '78<br>Nikki Ruth Tobias '03<br>John Quashnoc '70<br>Jerry Wood '77 '78 | <b>PHILADELPHIA</b><br>Mary Frances Bushong '85<br>Michael Kane '03<br>Carlos Perez '07<br>Bill Walsh '78                |                                                                                                                                                                                   |

Alumni involved with the **Postcard Campaign** write and mail postcards to incoming MU students. All the necessary materials are sent to volunteers so that they can prepare the personal handwritten messages and then mail the postcards directly from their homes. The notes congratulate students on being accepted, wish them good luck and encourage them to get involved on campus. The following alumni assisted:

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| Amanda Boandl Aikens '03<br>Theresa Over Albury<br>Russell Althouse '04<br>Ann Roggenbaum Fitzgerald '93<br>Sally Bair '74<br>Belinda Houghtalen Barnes '03<br>Melody Emerson-Basta '99<br>Randi Turner Belanger '85<br>Janet Fetherbay Bird '72<br>Elwood Boone '71<br>Marianne Seefeldt Bozzo '69<br>Carol Himmelreich Brann '60<br>Charles Brennan '76<br>Amy DuPree Brooks '80<br>Kimberly Cardone '04<br>Andrew Carola '53<br>Lori Cass '94<br>Jennifer Codd '99<br>Colin Coleman '04<br>Kristen Connor '06<br>Matthew Conway '90 '92<br>Donna Baier Dorey '72<br>Beverly Wilber Evans '69 '71M<br>Tammy Moore Felondis '95<br>Sarah Fischer '03<br>Sarah Gingrich '02 | Stefanie Armstrong Greenawalt '04<br>Anthony Grego '92<br>Lindy Hampsher '05<br>Rita Norton Hall '04<br>Cindy Miller Heckrote '79<br>Richard Heckrote '78<br>Shelby Derry Holden '01<br>Dana Peters Huber '01<br>Meredith Burris Jackson '00<br>Pamela Palka Kahn '78<br>Pamela Pfleegor Kemp '76<br>Barbara King '78<br>Holly Kirchhoff '73<br>Elizabeth Visotski Knepp '01<br>Bonelyn Lugg Kyofski '62<br>Angella Hoffman Laubach '03<br>Suzanne Yeager Litzenberger '01<br>Marsha Earley Malinich '54<br>Ryan Manning '00<br>Carmen Marino '92<br>Ann Metarko '02<br>Richard Miller '84<br>Cliff Morales '96<br>Laura Fredrick Nagorny '93<br>Lisa Porto Noto '92<br>Diana Rizzo Petlock '04 | Sharhonda Pointer '96<br>John Quashnoc '70<br>Tanya Mengee Reese '99<br>Calvin Ruthven '04<br>Anthony Rybarczk '92<br>Barbara Ambers Scholl '98<br>Joseph Seroski '07<br>Robert Shorb '76<br>Donna Lee Simpson '78 '83M<br>Sara Snitchler '03<br>Ashley Spencer '08<br>Joline Spencer '08<br>Rebecca Stender '07<br>Elizabeth Thoren '90<br>Nicole Ruth Tobias '03<br>Jessica Arredonto Trump '02<br>Krista Tyner '04<br>Brian Ulmer '05<br>Maria Valenzano '02<br>Thomas Vought '81<br>William Walsh '78<br>Carol Watson '78<br>Tracey Bellesfield Werner '95<br>Nicole Wilson '99<br>Steve Winnie '99 |
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Volunteers who assist with the **High School Scholarship Program** present a Mansfield University scholarship to an accepted student. The presentations typically take place at the student’s high school as part of an awards ceremony or at graduation. The following alumni presented certificates to seniors at their local high school:

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| Sherri McCallum Blackwell '03, Williamson High School<br>Rita Gugliemini Bower '72 '04M, North Penn High School<br>Michael Perrotti '98, Wyalusing High School<br>Susan Benkinney Schwab '77, Sayre High School<br>Tom Walker '09, Liberty High School<br>Casey Murphy Wood '02, Mansfield High School |
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The “What can I do in the field of...?” program is coordinated by the MU Career Center. Alumni serve as guest speakers on a panel along with volunteers from the campus and community and describe their post-graduation experiences. Panel members discuss their profession with students who are interested in learning more about a particular field of study. The program provides current students with a real-world perspective of what can be done with their education, while highlighting the achievements of Mansfield University alumni. “Speaking to current MU students has been a rewarding and meaningful experience for me. I wish I had the opportunity while a student to receive advice and learn about life after college from those who were once in my shoes,” said Ryan Manning '00. The following alumni participated:

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| Charles Belanger '01<br>Christie Wilcox Blackwell '02<br>Katrina Richardson Doud '05<br>Laura Mansfield Fleming '02<br>Joyce Fleming '93<br>Nance O'Brien Follis '88<br>Christy Fry '96<br>Christopher Glose '95<br>Carrie Goodyear '08 | David Guinn '06<br>Anna Hamburger '07<br>Lori Plank Johnson '03<br>Stacee Madsen '08<br>Ryan Manning '00<br>Amber McCloskey '08<br>Timothy Mulroy '03<br>Benjamin Nevin '96<br>Bedelia Dillon Nowak '97 | Christina Marie Paternoster '02<br>Karen Dalton Russell '78<br>Julie McElhoes Schlosser '02<br>Emily Cook Soden '03<br>Audrey Szychulski '02<br>Brianna Welch Thurston '08<br>Jessica Arredonto Trump '02<br>Peter Wenzel '01<br>Kathy Andrews Wright '82 |
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For more information on volunteer opportunities, visit our website at [mansfield.edu/alumni/volunteer](http://mansfield.edu/alumni/volunteer). If you are interested in helping as an alumni volunteer, please contact Tracey Dukert, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, at 888-305-6505 or [tdukert@mansfield.edu](mailto:tdukert@mansfield.edu).

If you participated in one of the volunteer programs listed above, but your name is not included, please let us know by emailing [alumni2@mansfield.edu](mailto:alumni2@mansfield.edu) or calling 888-305-6505.



DEAR MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS,

I know a high school student who is graduating soon and would be a great leader at Mansfield! Please allow me to introduce:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR OF H.S. GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_

This student is my:☐ son/daughter ☐ grandchild ☐ niece/nephew ☐ other relative ☐ friend

This student has a special interest or talent in: \_\_\_\_\_

MY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

MY ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MY E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ MY PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am interested in assisting with other alumni admissions volunteer programs!

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:  
Mansfield University Alumni Relations, G8 Alumni Hall, 31 S. Academy St., Mansfield, PA 16933



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Collecting Data & Memories Abroad, *cont'd from page 1*



Denise Seigart in Volcano, New Zealand. This area was used in the filming of the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

according to Seigart, is that racism and classism within the system were very evident in Australia, but not as much in Canada.

And Montreal, because it is in Quebec, models its health care on the French example, rather than the British. So while nurses in Ontario did the same thing as nurses in Australia, the public health nurses in Montreal spent more time in the schools. "Unfortunately they are starting to move away from this to consolidate services in more centralized locations," explains Seigart, "no longer serving a community they know well."

After completing her time in Canada, the next step, Seigart says, is to "survive the writing and transcribing." She and faculty members she worked with in Australia and Canada, have already co-authored one paper on an international comparison of caring for children with special needs, in addition to a proposal for a larger overview of the research. Both have been submitted to professional publications. As the primary author and sole data collector, Seigart has the responsibility of drawing out the themes and patterns, and interpreting their significance, although she shares all her data with her colleagues and seeks validation.

At a time when various health care reform options are being debated in our country, Seigart is looking for those that include provisions to improve and include school based health care centers. Instead of a school nurse sending a child home with bronchitis (perhaps scheduling a doctor's appointment for the next day), if there were a center then the student could be sent down the hall where a nurse practitioner could officially diagnose and treat the student. The proximity makes it easy for the nurse practitioner to follow up and see if the child is recovering at an appropriate rate, or if further treatment is needed. And then the clinic is reimbursed through the public or private insurance.

"The hurdles to this are, of course, funding and training of school nurse practitioners," Seigart sighs. But she is adamant that this model would lower

From Down Under to Up Yonder

Having received a grant from the Pennsylvania Canadian Studies Consortium, Seigart spent the spring of 2009 at Nipissing University in North Bay, Ontario. Her goal was to add another level of comparison to her research, and her methods were the same. She interviewed about 30 more teachers, nurses, and community leaders in North Bay as well as in Montreal. By collecting data from two sites in Canada Seigart would be able to do some internal comparisons.

"Everyone has this idea of what socialized medicine is," Seigart states, "but I was intrigued by the differences between the two countries." Canada's health care operates on a similar model to Australia's except there is limited private health care, with all citizens utilizing the public health plan. A result,



Seigart gets news of the U.S. presidential election while camping.



Denise and husband Bill visit New South Wales.

health care costs by catching ailments early so they can be treated effectively with less medicine and intervention, and avoiding larger consequences. "Repeated ear infections that aren't caught and treated," she explains, "can result in hearing loss and speech deficits."

There are such models already available. Harrisburg, PA has, according to Seigart, "a wonderful school based center," which includes a whole wing with a dental clinic. It can be done. The bottom line for Seigart is, "if children are healthy, then they are ready to learn. If they don't feel well, then that's all they can focus on."

MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY

OUR FUTURE AS AN "ALL-STEINWAY" SCHOOL

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Consider making a donation or pledging over time! Please consider a gift that will inspire and touch the lives of students for years to come. There are many ways to give and giving levels. You could contribute to the legacy by a direct gift or pledge to the endowment or sponsor the purchase of a piano along with other donors.

For more information on how you can help, please contact Rebecca Bair, Director of Development, Mansfield University, 570-662-4294 or rbair@mansfield.edu.



Assistant Professor of Music Benjamin Moritz performed on a brand new Steinway piano during Alumni Weekend.



## Alumni Association Leadership

The MU Alumni Association Board of Director's summer meeting was held on June 13 in conjunction with the 2009 Alumni Weekend festivities. During the meeting the board recognized the following members who are "retiring" from the board after 6 year of service: Carol Himmelreich Brann '60, Andy Carola '58 and Jerry Wood '77 '78. Jerry served as president during 2009-2010. Amy Dupree Brooks '80, Beverly Wilber Evans '69 '71M, Richard Kimble '89 '94M, Bonnie Lugg Kyofski '62 and Carol Watson '78 were recognized for completing three years of service and will continue to serve a second term. The board extends a warm welcome to newly selected board members Brenda Button Freeman '96 '00M, director of technology for Southern Tioga School District (Mansfield, PA), Krista Tyner '04, counselor of admissions, Monroe Community College (Churchville, NY) and Steven Winnie '02, attorney, Sallie Mae (Reston, VA). Congratulations to board

members who were elected or re-elected to leadership positions: John Quashnoc '70, president (Hanover, PA), Amy Dupree Brooks '80 (Avis, PA), first vice president and Stephanie Adams Ulmer '04, second vice president (Mifflinburg, PA).

The 18-member volunteer board promotes and supports the mutual interests and successes of the university and its alumni. Two of the primary objectives of the board are to assist the admissions department in the recruitment of quality students and to foster fellowship, loyalty and commitment of MU alumni through a variety of programs, benefits and events.

If you are interested in being considered as a board member and sharing your time and talents, please contact Denise Berg, Director of Alumni Relations, at 570-662-4853 or dberg@mansfield.edu.

## Alumni Spotlight

**Sharon Brutzman '66 '71** was named the 2009 national Outstanding Student Teacher Supervisor at the third annual National Student Teaching Supervision Conference held at Slippery Rock University in May. Brutzman taught for 35 years in the Troy, PA School District and one year in the Athens, PA School District. After retiring she joined the MU faculty in 2002.

**Steve Crawford '81** was appointed Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell's chief of staff on May 8. Crawford has been the Governor's secretary of Legislative Affairs since the beginning of his first term in 2003. As chief of staff, Crawford serves as the top adviser to the Governor and manages the day-to-day activities of the executive branch of state government, including 18 cabinet agencies and the Governor's Office.

**Mark Serva '86** received the 2009 Lerner Outstanding Teaching Award and the Lerner Student Choice Teaching Award at the University of Delaware. Serva is an assistant professor of Management Information Systems. The Student Choice Award winner is selected by students and the Outstanding Teaching Award recipient is decided by a committee of peers

**Robert Shorb '76** was featured prominently in a March 26 article in *TIME* entitled "Colleges Face a Financial Aid Crunch." Shorb is director of student aid and family finance at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY. The article is available online at [time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1887867,00.html](http://time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1887867,00.html)

**Ali Soufan '94** testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary on May 13. His testimony came in the committee's investigation

entitled "What Went Wrong: Torture and the Office of Legal Counsel in the Bush Administration." Soufan was a counterterrorism expert with the FBI and a key investigator following the 9-11 attacks. He now operates his own company, The Soufan Group, which has offices in New York City, London and Qatar. Soufan is also the subject of a feature story in the April 25 issue of *Newsweek*. The story, entitled "We Could Have Done This the Right Way" is available online at [www.newsweek.com/id/195089](http://www.newsweek.com/id/195089).

**Jody Thomas '82** testified before the President's Rural Education Caucus in Washington, DC on February 3. She was one of three expert witnesses to testify. Thomas is director of Bradford-Tioga (PA) Head Start and Early Head Start program. To hear more about Thomas's testimony and Washington experience, check online at [podcast.mansfield.edu](http://podcast.mansfield.edu)

**Josh Wooten '06** and his wife Kim are the subject of feature article entitled "Henrietta Newlyweds VW-Bus Their Honeymoon" in the June 28 edition of the Rochester (NY) *Democrat & Chronicle*. The Wootens have been travelling cross country since January and chronicling their adventures on their own website at [greenbusadventures.com/](http://greenbusadventures.com/).

The newspaper story is available online at [democratandchronicle.com/article/20090628/SPORTS0103/906280373/1013/Henrietta+newlyweds+VW-bus+their+honeymoon](http://democratandchronicle.com/article/20090628/SPORTS0103/906280373/1013/Henrietta+newlyweds+VW-bus+their+honeymoon).

**Steve McCloskey '91** director of Sports Information was named Employee of the Year at Mansfield University.



## Construction of New Allen Hall Gets Underway

Construction of the new Allen Hall began at the end of June. The new building, which will house the Communication and Theatre, Art and Art Education Departments, will sit next to the current Allen Hall location on Stadium Drive.

The new Allen Hall should be completed for the fall of 2010. Once it is open, the old building will be torn down.

To follow the progress of the construction, go online to [construction.webcams.mansfield.edu](http://construction.webcams.mansfield.edu).

Also over the summer, work on phase two of the walkway between the Student Mall and Grant Science Center continued and the main entrance to Manser Hall was completely reconfigured.

Several other projects involving sidewalk repair and replacement, street repaving and steam pipe replacement were also completed.

# HOMECOMING OCTOBER 9-11



A special welcome to MU Volleyball, Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Sigma Alpha

**Alpha Sigma Alpha** invites sisters and friends to meet at the parade and enjoy lunch at the Alumni Tent Party. Following the football game the group will be gathering in Pinecrest,6th floor lounge. FMI contact Alyssa Klementisz Guers '00 at asdeltaepsilon@gmail.com or 267-644-5255.

Brothers and friends of **Lambda Chi Alpha** will be gathering for Saturday's parade and lunch at the Alumni Tent Party followed by the Sprint football game. A brotherhood dinner is planned for Saturday evening. FMI call Sean Goodrum '98 at 305-793-0692

**MU Volleyball** players and friends will gather for the parade, enjoy lunch at the Alumni Tent Party and then head to the Kelchner Fitness Center for some "hands-on" action on the volleyball courts. Don't forget your kneepads! FMI contact Kathy Shufelt Zarzycki '84 at kzarzyck@rochester.rr.com

Friday October 9

- 6 a.m. – 9 p.m. **KELCHNER FITNESS CENTER OPEN.** Free usage to MU Alumni during Homecoming Weekend. Call 570-662-4234 for racquetball reservations. To learn more visit their website mansfield.edu/KFC
- 7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m. **NORTH HALL LIBRARY OPEN**
- 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. **CAMPUS BOOKSTORE OPEN,** Alumni Hall Student Center. MU alumni receive a 20% Homecoming discount on clothing and MU logo items!
- 8 a.m. **HOMECOMING GOLF TOURNAMENT,** Corey Creek Golf Club. Shotgun start at 8:45 a.m. Proceeds benefit MU Athletic Scholarships. \$100 nonmember/\$85 member of Corey Creek Golf Club - includes all fees, lunch and beverages. Lots of contests and great prizes! Contact your friends and form a foursome or contact us and we'll arrange a foursome. If you or your company are interested in becoming a sponsor or donating a prize contact Roger Maisner, Director of Athletics at 570-662-4636 rmaisner@mansfield.edu or Kris Decker kdecker@mansfield.edu 570-662-4466.
- 4 p.m. **MU FIELD HOCKEY VS. SETON HILL,** Spaulding Field
- 5:15 – 6 p.m. **HALL OF FAME RECEPTION,** North Manser
- 6 p.m. **HALL OF FAME DINNER** and **INDUCTION CEREMONY,** North Dining, Manser. Reservations required. Cost is \$20 per person. 2009 inductees: James Klinger '71, football, Kelly Morris Shannon '00, softball, Steve Shannon '00, basketball, Jerry Waldron '91, baseball
- 9 p.m. **BONFIRE,** Pep Rally and Fireworks, Water Tower

Saturday October 10

- 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. **CAMPUS BOOKSTORE OPEN,** Alumni Hall Student Center. MU alumni receive a 20% Homecoming discount on clothing and MU logo items!
- 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. **KELCHNER FITNESS CENTER OPEN**
- 10 a.m. **HOMECOMING PARADE,** Main Street
- 10:45 a.m. – 1pm. **ALUMNI TENT PARTY,** Water Tower
- Free MU logo item to first 300 guests! Bring the kids – we'll have activities for them while you enjoy the picnic lunch and visit with friends. Special performance by The Spirit and The Pride of Pennsylvania Mountie Marching Band! Reservations appreciated. A special welcome to members and friends of the Volleyball Team, Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Sigma Alpha.

- 11 a.m. **WOMEN'S ALUMNI SOFTBALL GAME,** Lutes Field  
FMI contact Head Coach, Edith Gallagher 570-662-4633 or egallagh@mansfield.edu
- 12 p.m. **MU FIELD HOCKEY VS. BLOOMSBURG,** Spaulding Field
- 12 – 5 p.m. **NORTH HALL LIBRARY OPEN**
- 1 p.m. **MOUNTIES SPRINT FOOTBALL VS. NAVY,** Van Norman Field  
12:30 p.m.. Pre-game introduction of the 2009 MU Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame inductees. Half-time – Homecoming Queen/King Coronation and performance by The Spirit and The Pride of Pennsylvania Mountie Marching Band.
- 2:30 p.m. **MU ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME,** Shaute Field  
Followed by an informal gathering at Corey Creek.  
FMI contact Head Coach Harry Hillson  
hhillson@mansfield.edu 570-662-4457
- 7 p.m. **PRISM CONCERT,** Steadman Theatre, Butler  
This unique concert features most MU music ensembles and includes a variety of music. For reservations or more information sachey@mansfield.edu or 570-662-4710 or visit http://music.mansfield.edu and click on the calendar of events to order tickets on line \$
- 8:30 p.m. **"WISH YOU WERE HERE", PINK FLOYD TRIBUTE CONCERT,** Straughn Auditorium. General Admission seating. FMI call 570-662-4983. Tickets are \$10pp and can be purchased at the Campus bookstore or ordered at tix.com.

Sunday October 11

- 1 – 11 p.m. **NORTH HALL LIBRARY OPEN**
- 2 – 10 p.m. **KELCHNER FITNESS CENTER OPEN**
- 2:30 p.m. **ORCHESTRA CONCERT,** Steadman Theatre, Butler  
For reservations or more information sachey@mansfield.edu or 570-662-4710 or visit http://music.mansfield.edu and click on the calendar of events to order tickets on line.

FMI please call 888-305-6505 or e-mail alumni2@mansfield.edu  
Visit the Mansfield Chamber website at **mansfield.org** for accommodations.

## REGISTRATION FORM



TO REGISTER, COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM BY OCTOBER 2 TO:  
ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE, MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY, G-8 ALUMNI HALL, 31 S ACADEMY STREET, MANSFIELD, PA 16933

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Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please list who will be attending with you and their class year if a Mansfield Alum: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you are associated with: ☐ Volleyball ☐ Greek Organization (please list Greek affiliation) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check enclosed payable to: MUF, Inc. – Homecoming

☐ Please bill my credit card: ☐ MC ☐ Visa

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

If you must cancel your reservations for any of the above events, please inform the Alumni office at 888-305-6505. Thank you for helping us manage our costs!  
As improvements to our campus continue, please be aware that temporary traffic patterns and detours may be in effect.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Homecoming Golf Tournament # \_\_\_\_\_ of reservations x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$100 nonmember/\$85 member Corey Creek Golf Club

Hall of Fame Dinner & Induction # \_\_\_\_\_ of reservations x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken # \_\_\_\_\_ Beef

Please note that reservations for the Hall of Fame dinner will be accepted until capacity is reached, which may be earlier than the October 2 deadline.

If you are attending to support a particular Hall of Fame inductee, please include his/her name here: \_\_\_\_\_

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Alumni Tent Party # \_\_\_\_\_ of reservations @ \$4 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# Alumni Weekend 2009

More than 400 alumni and friends returned to Mansfield University June 12 and June 13 for Alumni Weekend 2009.

The weekend began with a shotgun start at Corey Creek Golf Club for the annual golf tournament on Friday, where Kappa foursome **Joe Banks '74, Dick Cashman '75, Dan Flick '76 and Steve Rudy '74** took home first place and bragging rights. Back on campus, a "Show and Tell" event featured the special interests, work and hobbies of 22 talented alumni. **Chester Bailey '35**, the earliest graduate in attendance at this year's Alumni Weekend, featured a display on the history of Mansfield. **Mindy Miller Rottmund '81**, current President of the Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, displayed Mansfield's very own Betty Lamp and information on the history of home economics. Following the "Show and Tell," more than 125 alumni and friends gathered at President Loeschke's residence for an elegant "Afternoon Tea." Guests enjoyed reminiscing with retired Home Economics professors **Norma Strait Howland '36** and **June Dreibelbis Rudy '60** as they toured the President's home and tasted a variety of treats. Professor **Kathy Wright '82** led the "Guided Tour of the Food Labs" in Elliot Hall as alumni and friends learned how the labs are being used today. "The Afternoon Tea and the Food Labs tour were wonderful, and Dr. Loeschke was a gracious hostess,"

said **Jean Francis Cloos '59**. "It was very refreshing to meet MU students, who are the faces of our future, at these events."

Alumni and friends brought their appetites to the highly anticipated LobsterFest, which featured the "All-Steinway Initiative" announcement. During dinner, music professor Dr. Benjamin Moritz demonstrated Steinway's remarkable distinction of quality and excellence by starting a selection on one of MU's current pianos and then continuing the selection on a brand new Steinway baby grand piano. The evening ended with alumni, friends and students dancing the night away to Joe Cavallaro's Dixieland Jazz Band.

On Saturday morning, alumni shared memories, updated each other on their lives and planned for the future in their class meetings. The **Class of 1959**, celebrating its 50th anniversary, was the Alumni Weekend Luncheon's honored guests. Forty-one of the known living class members returned to MU and were recognized at the luncheon, where reunion committee chair **Larry Biddle '59** presented a check in the amount of \$26,488 to President Maravene Loeschke. Seventy-four members of the Class of 1959 contributed towards an endowed scholarship for the University, a gift from the class in honor of their 50th anniversary. "I am very proud of my alma mater as it continues to grow and turn out exceptional students," **Russell LaForce '59** said. Also honored



MU alumni and friends enjoy each other's company, sharing memories and creating new ones at the President's Afternoon Tea.



Congratulations to the Kappa foursome that took home first place in the Golf tournament: Steve Rudy '74, Dick Cashman '75, Dave Flick '76, and Joe Banks '74.



Susan Campbell Forsythe '71, Jackie Powlus Flook '71, Jean Hunsinger Devlin '72, and Louise Derbyshire Hummel '75 gather in front of Elliot Hall after participating in the Elliot Hall Food Labs tour.



During the President's Afternoon Tea, Norma Strait Howland '36 and June Dreibelbis Rudy '60 reminisce about their days as Home Economics professors at Mansfield.



Alumni and friends shared laughs and made new memories at the Greek Mixer held at Corey Creek Golf Club on Saturday evening.



Larry Biddle '59 proudly presented a check to President Loeschke at the Alumni Luncheon. As a result of their fundraising efforts, the Class of 1959 was able to establish an endowed scholarship in commemoration of their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.

at the luncheon were this year's Society of Honors award recipients. **Brigadier General Francis Hendricks '79** received the Alumni Citation Award, **Karen Starnier Jacobson '69 '86** was presented with the Elsie Burk Service Award, **Robert Christie '92** was named this year's Outstanding Young Alumni and **Dr. Randy Roberts '72** received the Distinguished Educator Award. For more on this year's honorees, go to page 4. Special recognition was also given to **Arnie Parker '40**, for travelling from California and being the first guest in line to register, as well as **Melva Hess Calaman '39 '91**, for having the greatest span between degrees from MU.

Following the luncheon, alumni and friends headed over to the ice cream social and enjoyed a cool treat on a warm summer afternoon. Social work alumni and friends met with current

department faculty and students and discussed what they have been doing post graduation.

The weekend concluded with a Greek Alumni and Friends Mixer at Corey Creek Golf Club, where many laughs were shared and memories created by those in attendance.

"The MU Alumni Association has always gone out of their way to make me feel welcome," said **Dave Snitger '76**. "It was great to be back at MU and have the opportunity to catch up with old friends."

To view photos from Alumni Weekend 2009, please visit: [mansfield.edu/alumni/happenings/](http://mansfield.edu/alumni/happenings/) and [youtube.com/MansfieldUniversity](http://youtube.com/MansfieldUniversity).

Mark your calendars for Alumni Weekend 2010, which will be held June 11 and 12.

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**June Tobias Thomas**  
**Hopkinton, NH**  
reports that a Round Robin letter, started by 10 women in 1945, is still in circulation! Now five members remain, with one daughter of an original associate.

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**Michael Poltash**  
**21 E. Berwin Way**  
**Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054**  
He wishes more '49 and '50 grads would send class notes for *The Mansfieldian*.

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**M. Bernard Cawley**  
**Tonawanda, NY**  
**mbcawley@roadrunner.com**

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**Bill Brocklebank**  
was featured in a March '09 article in *The Herald* (Shenango Valley, Mercer County PA), on his passion for and incorporation of music into his daily life. The article celebrated his 50-year career as an accomplished organist, choir director and music director in multiple churches and schools, and the many lives he touched in the process.

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**John Schamel**  
recently retired from Ziff Law Firm, Elmira, NY, where he worked in the division of Workers Compensation and Social Security Disability. In his retirement, Jack says he'll do some private investigation work for the firm. He was inducted into the MU Athletic Hall of Fame in '05.

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**Sandy Finnerty Poore**  
**sandyp212@comcast.net**  
After 29 years of teaching in Mt. Laurel, NJ, Sandy has retired to Punta Gorda, FL. She has become an award-winning photographer specializing in abstracts and black and white photos.

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**Anthony Craig**  
was named "All Star of the Month" for his work in ballpark management at the Pittsburgh Pirates PNC Park in April '09. Tony was given a trophy and tickets for dinner at the ballpark's Lexus Club. Before starting at PNC Park, Tony was best known for his acting career in the '70s as a heartthrob on the ABC soap "The Edge of Night." After 7 years in the cast, he moved on to small roles in movies, including "Tootsie" with Dustin Hoffman.

**Linda Clifton Dowd**  
**kulturvultur@sbcglobal.net**  
would enjoy being contacted by former classmates.

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**Dr. James Kennedy**  
**kennedy@unt.edu**  
**www.osara.org/journal/**  
was recently named a Fulbright Senior Specialist to work at the Universidad de Magallanes (UMAG), Punta Arenas, Chile, this fall semester. He is an aquatic ecologist, and professor of biological sciences and director of the Elm Fork Education Center and Natural Heritage Museum at the U. of North Texas, Denton, TX. Dr.

Kennedy will teach a sub-Antarctic ecology course in UMAG's MS program. He was also appointed to the OMARA Sub-Antarctic Research Alliance Advisory board.

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**Donald Orris**  
**Hershey, PA**  
recently retired from W. W. Grainger Industrial Equipment after 34 years as a sales representative, and is now expanding his single family home rental business. He and his wife Mary Beth plan to travel and increase their tennis activities.

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**Andrew Laczkowski**  
**Muncy, PA**  
**loonasea04@aol.com**  
**www.loon-a-sea.webs.com**  
is offering luxury tours of the 1000 Islands May through Sept.

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**Deborah Quirk Grefe**  
principal for Randolph Township (NJ) Schools, has been recognized by *Cambridge Who's Who* for showing dedication, leadership and excellence in all aspects of school administration. *Cambridge Who's Who* recognizes executives, professionals and entrepreneurs worldwide.

**Bonita Romeo**  
**Owego, NY**  
retired in June '08 from teaching English 12, Advanced Placement Literature and Composition at Newark Valley (NY) HS. She was a pilot teacher in distance learning, broadcasting the AP class to Tioga Center and Deposit high schools. She also taught dual credit courses as an adjunct at Tompkins Cortland Community College.

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**Mary Jane Todd Eckel**  
earned a master's degree in 1982 from Elmira (NY) College and was recently presented with the Eponymous Award by the EC President's Council. The award honors graduates who "have remained in the region, have distinguished exemplary service, and who have improved the quality of the community." Mary Jane was also named The Twin Tiers Outstanding Educator in 2000.

**Janet Geise Engler**  
**5590 Daisy Ln.**  
**Coopersburg, PA 18036**  
retired in June after 34 years of teaching at Abington (PA) SD. She says hello to all her former AST sisters and TKE brothers.

**Craig Hackman**  
recently joined Commonwealth Real Estate Your Way LLC. He had worked previously for Coldwell Banker in the Pocono region where he was named Rookie of the Year after only six months in the business.

**Alice Wilson Van Der Karr**  
**Waverly, NY**  
passed away unexpectedly in July '08. For years, she taught kindergarten and elementary school. After raising her family, she returned to college, earning her MS in education from Elmira College (NY) in 1982. She continued teaching and devoted 30 years of service to Waverly Central Schools. Alice was active in the Waverly United Methodist Church where she formed and directed

the Tower Choir and the Women's Chorus. She also directed the children's and senior choirs and was a member of the hand bell choir. For 25 years, she played the organ and bell tower chimes. Alice developed musical programs for a Clown Ministry which performed at churches and nursing homes. She is survived by her husband Gareth, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

**Robert Weiss**  
**Middletown, NY**  
**gmanbw@yahoo.com**

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**Francis Burnett**  
**RD 1 Box 12**  
**Carbondale, PA 18407**  
**francis55@yahoo.com**  
is retiring after 15 years with the Carbondale (PA) Housing Authority, 12 as chairman, and a stint on the Carbondale Area School Board. He writes, "I now look forward to the life of a 'retired gentleman.'"

**Dr. Sue Jonas Miller**  
**North Wales, PA**  
**sueannjonas@aol.com**  
recently received the PA Assoc. for the Gifted Education's (PAGE) Educator of the Year award for her contributions to gifted education.

**Earl Packard**  
assistant professor and chair of the mathematics and physics dept. at Alfred State U (NY), was selected to participate in the annual reading and scoring of the College Board's AP examinations in June in calculus. This is his third consecutive year to serve on the board.

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**Patricia Dunleavy**  
was interviewed by the *Times-Tribune* (Scranton, PA) in May '09 for her piano and flute benefit concert. She partnered with recent Marywood U graduate Giselle Pedraza. Proceeds went to the Electric Company Theatre of Scranton. Dr. Dunleavy is asst. VP for human resources at Marywood.

**Cyrus Sawby**  
**578 Redfox Ln.**  
**Wayne, PA 19087**  
**sawbycyrus@yahoo.com**

**Carol Schermerhorn**  
**css8204@verizon.net**  
is a wholesale apparel sales rep in Trevoze, PA. She has two daughters - a freshman at Shippensburg and a senior at Montclair State U. She would love to hear from fellow alumni.

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**Mark Pizzi**  
Galena, OH  
**pizzim@nationwide.com**  
writes, "Great kids, great life, great wife, great job. Who would have guessed it? Hope all the class of '78 is doing well."

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**Richard Goodall**  
and his son loaned the Lackawanna Historical Society their collection of "Black Americans Honored in Stamps and Coins" for an exhibit at the William J. Nealon Federal Bldg., Scranton, PA. Goodall was also featured in a related article that appeared in the Scranton Times.

**Sandy Grimes**  
**Tempe, AZ**  
**sbeachy@yahoo.com**  
teaches elementary band in Phoenix.

**Cathy Holmgren Hession**  
**3 Spencer Rd**  
**Dallas, PA 18612**  
**hessioc@nationwide.com**  
She looks forward to hearing from anyone from the class of '79.

**Isabelle Doran Jensen**  
**3190 Whitney Rd.**  
**Stanley, NY 14561**  
**idjensen4@msn.com**

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**Amy DuPree Brooks**  
was named the 2008 Operator of the Year by the PA Bus Assoc. (PBA). The award recognizes outstanding contribution and commitment to the PBA and the motorcoach industry over the past 5 years. Amy has been with Susquehanna Trailways for 27 years and is currently director of sales.

**Joseph Buchinski**  
**1080 Nash Lee Dr.**  
**Lilburn, GA 30047**  
**jbuchinski@mpah.net**

**Andrew Davitt**  
was appointed a member of the attorney advisor committee of the PA Securities Commission. Andrew is a shareholder of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, located in the Philadelphia office. He is chair of the firm's securities and investment practice group, which represents investment and insurance professionals and firms throughout the US. Andrew is a frequent lecturer in the field and has had numerous articles published.

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**Edward Catts**  
1241 Oakwood Rd.  
Haddonfield, NJ 08033  
ecatts@barringtonboro.com

**Steve Crawford**  
was appointed chief of staff for PA Governor Edward G. Rendell. He will serve as the top adviser to the Governor and will manage the day-to-day activities of the executive branch of state government.

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**Sharon Earls**  
seeearls@hotmail.com

**Roberta Sherman Walton**  
walli@pa.metrocast.net  
is looking to hear from old friends and AST sisters.

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**Todd Colyer**  
Fredericksburg, VA  
has retired after serving 20 years as a stage technician and scenic and lighting designer with the US Army Band, "Pershing's Own," in Washington DC. He has accepted a position as a production coordinator at the Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts.

**Jeffery Lee**  
jeff.lee@state.co.us  
accepted the position of hatchery operations program manager in the Denver office of the Colorado Div. of Wildlife.

**Kathy Shufelt Zarzycki**  
PH: 585-544-4058  
kzarzyck@rochester.rr.com  
writes: "Calling all MU volleyball alumni and friends! A volleyball reunion will be held during MU Homecoming '09 – Saturday, Oct. 10. We're planning on eating lunch together at the Alumni Tent Party and then playing a pick-up volleyball game in the Kelchner Fitness Center. Bring photos and any other volleyball material you would like to share." If you have questions, contact me by phone or email.

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**Joanie Cole Berney**  
a marketing coordinator at the Sovereign Center in Reading, PA, donated musical instruments and learning materials on behalf of the Sovereign Center to a Reading elementary school in the name of music legend Barry Manilow. The Sovereign Center, where Manilow recently played, likes to thank an artist in the form of a gift to a local charity in which the artist is involved. Joanie got the idea of giving the instruments from Manilow, who runs a similar program in California.

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**Bruce Peddie**  
former baseball player and asst. coach at MU, has been named head baseball coach at the U of New Orleans. Previously, he served as hitting instructor and recruiting coordinator for the U of New Orleans (LA), and prior to that was head coach at Shippensburg U (PA) for 11 seasons.

**Andrew Wales**  
http://andrewwales.blogspot.com  
recently displayed his artwork and comic books at an art show held at the "Heroes Your Mom Threw Out" comic book shop in Elmira, NY.

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**Rod Pursell**  
644 Creek Rd.  
Bath, PA 18014  
MIBOXofBethlehem@aol.com  
has expanded his moving and storage company by offering portable storage – the storage container can be dropped at your location and kept on your premises or can be stored at his facility. The company is called MI-BOX.

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**David Wilson**  
Charlotte, NC  
southpawpet@yahoo.com

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**Dr. Vincent Miles**  
was recently recognized by the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology when the African-American Collection of the Kenneth W. Schuler Learning Resources Center was named in his honor. Vincent, the first African-American professor at the college, is very involved on-campus and in his community, and has received many awards for teaching, leadership and community service.

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**Glenda Winebarger**  
Jonestown, PA  
gwinebarger@ingretec.com

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**Chris Bird**  
avds@comcast.net

**Julie Johnson**  
TCH2LRN99@yahoo.com  
hopes to reconnect with classmates who graduated in '92 (Communications) and '97 (Education).

**Christopher Visavati**  
Carbondale, PA  
vizman1@frontiernet.net  
is working as a tattoo artist, freelance graphic designer and photographer.

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**Katherine Mazourek Glover**  
Jonesboro, AR  
kglover@wcs.k12.ar.us  
Katherine is an elementary school principal. She writes, "Loving it, and would love to hear from fellow 'soupies'."

**Laura Frederick Nagorny**  
lotsie@yahoo.com  
and husband Bill welcomed Jack Frederick in Feb. '09. Jack joins big sister Emma, 3. Laura is a stay-at-home mom.

**Andrea Nagy**  
andreanagy@bellsouth.net

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**Corey Bullard**  
122 Spruce Mill Ln.  
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

**Susan Lane Haggerty**  
aivas@yahoo.com  
has moved back to her home town, Ulster, PA. She writes, "Safe and sound. Hope to hear from some old friends."

**Alice Scarborough Irons**  
1077 Owego Rd.  
Candor, NY 13743  
aliceironsrn@netscape.net  
recently accepted an oncology nurse manager position at Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton, NY.

**Scott Long**  
7265 Capital Dr.  
Harrisburg, PA 17111  
slong@veridyneinc.com  
writes, "Always looking for individuals with the desire to learn everything about the IT consulting world."

**Ali Soufan**  
was quoted in an April '09 issue of *USA Today* and *The Wall Street Journal* on the topic of piracy.

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**Rob and Christene Polansky**  
'97 Nystrom  
Phoenixville, PA  
welcomed son Nicholas Peter in March '09. He joins big sister Eva, 4.

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**Rachel Helfrick Divoll**  
Perkiomenville, PA  
bluefish@audiopoints.com

**Jennifer Rockwell Rutecki**  
was named the first recipient of the LaRue Hinchliffe Outstanding Educator award in the Keystone (PA) Central SD. Jennifer is an autistic support teacher at Woodward Elementary School in Lock Haven, PA.

**Dedra Wagner and Jeffrey Mowery**  
were married in Sept. '08 in Mifflinburg, PA.

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**Jessica Meyers McCarthy**  
and husband  
**Sean McCarthy** '99  
welcomed twins Maryn Elizabeth and Nolan Patrick in March '09.

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**Warren Anderson**  
570-422-3798 (busines ph.)  
was recently named asst. VP for student affairs at E Stroudsburg U (PA).

**Cindy Atwell**  
recently graduated from the U of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ with an MS in clinical nutrition.

**T. Axel Jones**  
taxeljones@breakthru.com  
is the author of a new legal handbook, *Preliminary Hearings in Pennsylvania*, now available on amazon.com and other booksellers.

**John Storelli**  
a GIS analyst and consultant, recently joined the national GIS firm James W. Sewall Co. (Elmira, NY office). He will focus on the development and support of geospatial solutions for Sewall's clients throughout the state.

01

**Matthew Horton**  
Towanda, PA  
recently graduated from King's College in Wilkes Barre, PA, with an MS in healthcare admin. and will begin doctoral studies in healthcare admin. at Penn State next year.

**Brian and Carolyn Cillo** '08  
**Oakes**  
announce the arrival of son Collin in May '09.

02

**Rebekah Smith Burke**  
received her PhD in clinical psychology from Marywood U in May.

**John Dawe**  
531 Main St.  
Edwardsville, PA 18704  
john@daweconsulting.com  
is president and CEO of Dawe Consulting Group, specializing in technology, e-marketing, fund raising and project development/management. He is president of the Asso. of Fundraising Professionals Northeastern PA Chapter and sits on the int'l marketing & communications committee of AFP. John is also a member of the Luzerne County Commission of Diversity and Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry special events committee.

**Amanda Dowell**  
biogirl\_79@yahoo.com

**Lacey Hessling Yzeik**  
Waymart, PA  
will graduate with an MS in nutrition from Marywood U in May 2011.

03

**Keturah Cappadonia**  
was named director of the Coudersport (PA) Public Library in June '09.

**Lisa Giordano**  
Ulster, PA  
is expecting her first child in late Nov. '09.

**Forrest Reinard**  
forrest.reinard@forrestmail.com

04

**Brandy Lazorchak**  
b\_lazorchak@hotmail.com

**Krista Tyner**  
Churchville, NY  
ktyner8@yahoo.com  
recently accepted a position as counselor of admissions at Monroe Community College in Rochester, NY.

In Memoriam

Wilhelmina Marble Doll '30  
Beatrice Whitney Crossen '31  
Margaret Moran Currier '36  
Ruth Lightner Frank '36  
Ellen Gilfoyle Andrew '37  
Wilber O. Fahringer '37  
Kathryn Rose Whittaker '38  
Claire VanNorman Dillman '41  
Florence Satterly Place '41  
Alice Jean Wilson Van Der Karr '41  
Basil E. Harris '43  
Alice Hart Huff '44  
Margaret Clark Lynn '44  
Mary Davis Rice '50  
Richard E. Smith '50  
Richard Sweetland '51  
Richard S. Haven '57  
Marilyn Christ Hockman '59  
Dale G. Stewart '60  
Donald K. Howe '61  
Sandra Snader Bower '62  
Carol A. Betz '68  
Dennis J. Hamernick '70  
Gerald T. Babarsky '74  
Virginia L. Culp '75  
James R. Smith '76  
Loretta E. Engquist '79  
Douglas L. Moyer '80  
Cynthia Ann Kardisco '81

**Retired Faculty**  
Keen W. Buss  
Melvin 'Molly' Dry

**Staff**  
Tamara Perkins Soderberg '00

**Friends**  
Rachel M. Crispell  
Alice M. Crowley  
Esther Merritt DiBello  
Byron Lichtenwalner  
Nicholas D. Sura, Jr.  
Jacob M. Townsend

05

**Amy Sill Hromek**  
Erie, PA  
penguinchic\_1@yahoo.com  
and husband Kristopher welcomed daughter Gabrielle in February '09.

**Colleen Joyce**  
Moosic, PA  
colleen.joyce@wnep.com

**Ted and Michele Peet Minner**  
Corning, NY  
were married in June.

**Geralyn Mitchell**  
1000 University Pl.  
Student Union 1004  
Newport News, VA 23606  
geralyn.mitchell@gmail.com

06

**Josh Wooten**  
www.greenbusadventures.com  
and wife Kim are traveling across the country by van visiting state parks. They left in Jan. '09. To find out where they have been and where they are heading next, check out their website.

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**Andrew Rothrock**  
arothrock@clearfield.org

For all the latest news, scores and schedule information,  
check online at [www.GoMounties.com](http://www.GoMounties.com)



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August

- 27-28 University Meeting Days
- 28 Convocation, noon
- 31 Classes Begin, 8:30 a.m.
- September
- 7 Labor Day-No Classes
- 9 "Escape from Slavery: The True Story of My 10 Years in Captivity -- and My Journey to Freedom in America," Francis Bok. Presented by the Frederick Douglass Institute & First Year Experience Committee, Straughn Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 "Women in Leadership,"Deborah Leather. Leadership Lecture Series. Alumni Hall, Room 307, 4 p.m.
- 23 Council of Trustees Meeting, North Hall Community Room, 2 p.m.
- 25-26 Family Day & the Fabulous 1890s Weekend
- 26 Prism Concert, Steadman Theatre, 7 p.m.

October

- 9-10 Homecoming 2009
- 10 Prism Concert, Steadman Theatre, 7 p.m.
- 11 Symphony Orchestra, Steadman Theatre, 2:30 p.m.
- 19-20 Fall Holiday-No Classes
- 23 Young Mens Choral Concert Festival Steadman Theatre, 7 p.m.
- 24 Marching Band Festival, 8 a.m.
- 25 Jazz Ensemble & Mansfieldians, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 25 Octotubafest, Steadman Theatre, 7 p.m.
- 30 String Orchestra, Steadman Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Choral Collage, Steadman Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

November

- 1 Octoboefest, Steadman Theatre, 7 p.m.
- 7 Jazz Ensemble & Jazz Lab Band, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 14 Opera Workshop Performance, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 15 Opera Workshop Performance, Steadman Theatre, 3 p.m.
- 16 Percussion Ensemble, Steadman Theatre, 8:15 p.m.
- 18 Council of Trustees Meeting, North Hall Community Room, 2 p.m.
- 22 Concert Wind Ensemble, Steadman Theatre, 2:30 p.m.
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday-No Classes

December

- 4 Holiday Choral Concert, Steadman Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 5 Holiday Choral Concert, Steadman Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Orchestra Holiday Concert, Steadman Theatre, 2:30 p.m.
- 6 Holiday Choral Concert, Troy (PA) High School, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Mansfieldians, The Wrens Nest, Mansfield, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Low Brass Holiday Concert, Steadman Theatre, 7 p.m.
- 19 Fall Commencement, Decker Gymnasium, 1 p.m.

January

- 14-15 University Meeting Days
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- 19 Spring Semester Classes Begin, 8 a.m.

June

- 11-13 Alumni Weekend

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